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Delegates and Visitors Ninth Conclave



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The Richmond Conclave

There is only one term which can be applied to the Ninth Grand Chapter Conclave and that is "the greatest ever." With every chapter represented, with full attendance of the Grand Officers, with the largest number of visitors present that has ever been recorded, and with four days of unsurpassed Old Virginia hospitality and entertainment, the only regret is that the entire membership of the fraternity could not be present to partake of the enjoyment and wonderful spirit of fraternalism which premeated the entire Conclave.

The palatial corridors of the Jefferson resounded with words of welcome and greeting and that mystic hand-shake which causes brothers to feel and act in common, served once more to reunite the East with the West and the North with the South. All had surrendered to that spirit of brotherly affection and good will. Brothers met face to face for the first time in their lives, yet to the casual observer it would appear that they had been acquainted for years. They mingled as would friends of childhood, yet in all probability they would scarcely meet again. To observe all this one must be convinced that a fraternity serves one purpose if no other, that of establishing the communion and fellowship of man.

Let us turn now to the actual happenings and accomplish-

ments of the Conclave. There has never been a Conclave of the fraternity in which so few resolutions, and amendments have been offered. The committees which are as a rule everburdened and overworked by endless amendments and resolutions, appeals and grievances, reported on time and with little or no debate, their recommendations were accepted.

Two matters in particular which from time to time have been the bones of contention, were unanimously adopted without discussion. In fact every thing went off so smoothly that less than half the time ordinarily devoted to business sessions was consumed.

The Conclave convened at ten-thirty A. M. Monday the twenty-seventh in the Palm Room of the Jefferson. Grand President J. C. Griffin called the meeting to order and in his address which followed he spoke of the progress of the fraternity in the last four years, of its trials and tribulations, of the triumph, of its policies, and the work which was before the body for its disposition. The keynote of his speech was along the lines of efficiency and advancement, and he expressed the hope that the Conclave would satisfactorily settle the points which were to come before it.

Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips then presented his report which was indeed a lengthy and well prepared offering. It showed the marked advancement the fraternity had made during the past two years and related in detail the workings of his office. He reported that the business of the Secretary's office has increased four hundred percent. in the last eight years, and in view of this fact his report requested that the Secretary be given an able assistant who could devote his entire time to the work of the fraternity. In the report of the Executive Committee, Brother Phillips announced that since the last Conclave the Committee had had inquiry from and correspondence with thirty-one institutions

relative to petitions for charters and as a result there had been presented seven formal petitions which the Committee had lain on the table pending the action of the Conclave relative to charter granting.

The petitions were from Oregon Agricultural College, Iowa State University, two from the University of Illinois, University of Southern California, Tufts College and the University of Montana.

On roll call the chapters presented their offerings, and it may well be said that there never has been held a Conclave of the fraternity in which so little of the radical has been brought forth either in the way of being radically progressive or radically conservative.

There was no legislation which made any great change in the character or methods of the fraternity. Nothing was done which was a wide departure from that which we already had. There were inculcated in a resolution the fundamental principles by which the Executive Committee has always been guided in the granting of charters, which resolution was unanimously adopted. Some minor change, in the handling of the business of the fraternity were made, but aside from these there was little change to speak of.

Everyone seemed mutually agreed upon the general good condition of affairs as they existed and more time was devoted to the social end of the Conclave than ever before.

The report of the Song Book Committee was indeed gratifying and ere long Sigma Phi Epsilons will have that long desired publication before them. Let us hope that the next Conclave will be in the nature of a song fest and that part of its session will be devoted to song.

The work of the Conclave can be summarized as follows:

First. An unification and centralization of all the business of the fraternity in one office, that of the Grand Secretary. This was accomplished by transferring all records of the

Grand Historian and work done by him to the above office. The work of the Grand Historian hereafter will be merely to act in an advisory capacity and serve on the Executive Committee. By adopting the check voucher system, the work of the Grand Treasurer's office has been minimized as under this system no receipted bills are required and no bills are paid without first passing through the Grand Secretary's office. The office shall also contain all the archives of the fraternity.

Second. The transferring of the *Journal* to the above office and the election of an Editor and Assistant Secretary, whose duty it shall be to edit the *Journal* and assist the Secretary in the performance of his duties.

Third. The adoption of a resolution setting forth the manner of procedure of the Executive Committee relative to granting charters. This resolution can hardly be construed as any change in the way charters have been granted in the past, as it is almost identical with form used by the committee, but it was deemed advisable, owing to the increasing number of petitioners, to set forth in writing what was required of them and the actual time which must elapse before any final action be taken. The resolution also calls for the concurrence of all chapters in the district in which the petitioning local is situated, which rule was established by the Executive Committee in 1908.

The above mentioned points cover almost all changes made by the Conclave. One matter however came up relative to the status of chartered Alumni Associations. The resolution passed at Atlanta in regard to alumni chapters, carried with it a clause which stated that the Executive Committee was to adopt and submit the chapters any amendments to the Constitution or Laws of the Fraternity made necessary by this resolution. It appears that the Committee overlooked this clause and in the meantime had

chartered the Denver Alumni Chapter without a law authorizing same. All of these points came to light in an effort of the Committee to seat Brother W. J. Plummer, Virginia Eta and D. C. Alpha, the delegate from the Minnesota Alumni Association, It was indeed unfortunate to have Brother Plummer come all the way from Minneapolis and not be seated, but owing to the character of the error there was no possible way in which he could be allowed to participate as a delegate.

The election of officers which was the last order of business resulted in the election of F. J. Knauss, Colo. Alpha, '05, former Vice President, to the Presidency. Brother Knauss needs no introduction and his election was unanimous. We are indeed fortunate in having so able a man to assume the head of the fraternity. E. D. Ivey, Ga. Alpha, '11, former Grand Historian, was elected to the office of Vice President and his selection was a worthy one. William L. Phillips, Virginia Alpha, '03, succeeded himself in the office of Grand Secretary and his long service with the fraternity was appreciated by a unanimous election. To the office of Grand Treasurer, there was elected a brother who while young in the fraternity, bids fair to become one of the strong men in Sigma Phi Epsilon. He is John O. Kammerman Penna. Eta, and is located at Pennsylvania State College in the department of Electrical Engineering. F. A. Price, Kansas Alpha, '09, former Grand Guard and Editor of the *Journal* was elected to the office of Grand Historian. Brother Price has been one of the main factors in the establishment of Sigma Phi Epsilon in the Middle West and ably edited the *Journal* for the past four years. Frank G. Louthan, Va. Alpha, '10, was elected to fill the office of Grand Guard and his good work as District Deputy should surely fit him for his new office. W. F. Wingett, Dela. Alpha, '09, former Grand Treasurer, was elected to

the office of Editor of the Journal and Assistant Secretary of the Fraternity.

The list of chapter delegates follows:

E. W. Miller, Virginia Alpha.
E. J. Kersting, West Virginia Beta.
W. E. Fisher, Colorado Alpha.
R. P. Wildes, Pennsylvania Alpha.
M. M. Lewis, Virginia Delta.
B. D. Hodges, North Carolina Beta.
A. C. Shepherd, Ohio Alpha.
H. L. Royce, Indiana Alpha.
A. R. Eckberg, New York Alpha.
A. N. Cocks, Jr., Virginia Epsilon.
J. A. Rorer, Virginia Zeta.
S. R. Hammond, Georgia Alpha.
C. R. Smith, Delaware Alpha.
J. A. Kennedy, Virginia Eta.
S. W. Benton, Arkansas Alpha.
F. E. Portz, Pennsylvania Epsilon.
J. W. McFall, Ohio Gamma.
W. E. Davis, Vermont Alpha.
C. S. Warren, Alabama Alpha.
J. W. Sauls, North Carolina Gamma.
H. D. Stillman, New Hampshire Alpha.
M. DeAgüero, District of Columbia Alpha.
G. H. Hoefer, Kansas Alpha.
H. W. Morton, California Alpha.
C. B. Scott, Nebraska Alpha.
H. E. Turner, Jr., Washington Alpha.
H. G. Marchant, Massachusetts Alpha.
Ralph Hicks, New York Beta.
H. C. Jeffers, Rhode Island Alpha.
H. G. Maas, Michigan Alpha.
J. H. Kemble, Iowa Alpha.

M. B. Smith, Colorado Beta.
R. J. DeFord, Tennessee Alpha.
E. C. Black, Missouri Alpha.
W. C. Eddy, Wisconsin Alpha.
J. O. Kammerman, Pennsylvania Eta.
W. W. VanKirk, Ohio Epsilon.
J. H. Bush, Colorado Gamma.
H. W. Hartle, Minnesota Alpha.
B. B. Hickenlooper, Iowa Beta.



The Conclave from the Viewpoint of an Alumnus

J. H. Bowen, Virginia Delta, '07

On the morning of November the twenty-seventh, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, the Ninth Conclave of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity convened in the convention rooms of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. It was a beautiful day. A Southern Autumnal sun played hide and seek with the grey clouds over head, welcoming brothers from North, South, East and West. The spacious Jefferson, like the Sage of Monticello, monumental, magnificent and inspiring, fulfilled every expectation. The City of Richmond, historical, traditional, progressive, held every door ajar that none might turn away. In the business centers, in the clubs, and in the many hospitable homes, the Richmond alumni forgot nothing that would add to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Turn back the pages, if you will, and permit us to live again with the ancients. Eleven years have passed since the writer's initiation into the young, mystical world of Sigma Phi Epsilon. These were years of sunshine and shadows, of calms and tempests; years with a present, for the most part, that was uneventful and a future that was insecure. They handed the "goat" a general number of 327 and chapter number 18. We were young in those days, but youth is not always bad. For in youth is present all hopes, all accomplishments, and all possibilities, so Sigma Phi Epsilon has proven no exception—only the general rule.

Just nine years ago a little group of alumni and a few delegates gathered in the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond Virginia. Then we were in our infancy. With an organiza-

tion undeveloped and a policy undefined, we labored through those uncertain, and often confusing, sessions, evolving principles and formulating plans upon which our present efficient organization is formed. What strength we then possessed lay dormant in the minds and hearts of men devoted to the cause and baptised in the principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon, awaiting only an opportunity to be put into effect. A spirit of friendship and harmonious co-operation characterized the 1907 Conclave. Those names and faces will not be forgotten. Many have gone to distant fields and some to their reward, yet standing in the picture of this Conclave are boys—most of us were boys then—classmates, fraternity brothers, and companions, whose friendships time cannot destroy.

The past nine years have wrought wonders in the growth, development, and organization of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Little did we dream that so much could be accomplished. Verily, the age of miracles has not passed. Forty chapters, located at forty different institutions of learning, represented by forty delegates, from almost as many states, took their places in the great National Conclave of 1916. Distance ceased to form a barrier, neither mountain nor river impeded the progress; it was one grand march, a general muster; the slogan was, "On to Richmond." As one talked with the brothers in the lobby, in their rooms, or in the formalities of convention assembled, it was as though traveling from state to state, from institution to institution, from home to home, and looking into the faces and listening to the tales of brothers, placidly seated in their own several chapter houses. It emphasized how close kin the whole world must be, when such an assemblage can meet and transact such important business in an orderly manner, always preserving the principles and traditions of the fraternity.

The Nineteen and Sixteen Conclave suggests that the years are fast slipping away. Among the men assembled could be seen here and there whitened temples, with occasional "bald spots," reminding one that the years of youth are fast fleeting, though most of us realize it not. Yes, boys, age and discretion are in our midst. Doubtless you did notice the "cranky" notions of those old timers, yet let us respect those grey hairs. Remember that age like youth has its faults, but do not forget that they must not be told such fundamental truths about themselves. Besides, all of us are but grown-up boys, possessing faults and virtues of a kindred nature. The same heart throbs that have kept the race true since first the flight of years began were everywhere present. At a Conclave, age has no place. We are all boys again and boys together—the most manly of our class.

By Sunday night most of the delegates had arrived, registered at the Jefferson, and were being kept busy getting acquainted. It was the writer's pleasure and profit to meet many of the brothers this first night in the Conclave city, to exchange ideas, to puff the "pure havana," or "Billy's Specials," in extravagant contentment, and to lounge around the rooms of college men, breathing an atmosphere of real college cheer. The evening passed all too quickly. It was past the midnight hour long before half the tales had been told. All realized that the next day would be a strenuous one, so duty-bound all retired to their respective rooms that they might prepare for the arduous labors morning would hold in store. With a hasty "good-night" and "I'll see you at nine," each in his turn "beat a hasty retreat" to his own little "bunk."

During the night, behind closed doors, the executive committee labored in preparation for the first call to business. They knew that their work must be completed to

insure a successful meeting, so true to their record, established by years of perseverance and self-sacrifice, they worked to the finish and slept when all was done.

With all much refreshed after a few hours with Morpheus, alive with interest and enthusiasm, the Grand Officers, delegates, and a goodly gathering of alumni were called to order about ten o'clock. There was present the same spirit that had characterized so many Conclaves, although of a different personnel and in different proportions. The idea of strength and security lent a confidence that can only result from perfection of organization. Each member present felt those symptoms of patriotism enhanced by unbounded pride and devotion. It was a great performance. The stage setting, the property men, the managers, and the actors worked together with a zest that afforded a completeness even to perfection of each scene and act. Business was handled with despatch, kindred sympathies and hearty co-operation being the key-note throughout the business sessions. Many committees worked hard; all sessions were serious and thoughtful. There was a great work to be done. All seemed determined that none should have to bear a part alone. It was work while you work; play while you play;—this was the work-shop of the Conclave.

The Richmond Alumni had it "fixed," so it came to pass that all had a pick—we are informed none refused—from Richmond's finest and fairest. Do we have to say more! The Southern beauty with all her grace and charms took the boys by storm, while it might not be too much to say that many a heart is pierced by Dan Cupid's dart hurled from the bow of a Virginia lass. They were introduced at the Westmoreland Club, where an informal dance had been arranged that the visiting brothers might get acquainted. The meeting was a great success. All had a perfectly wonderful time. Many, many thanks, Richmond Alumni!

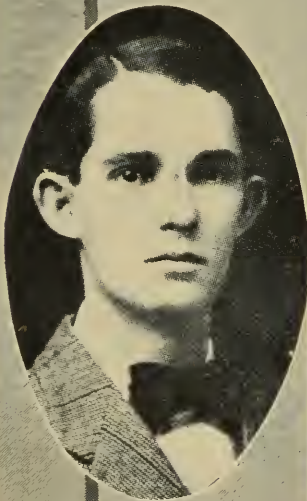
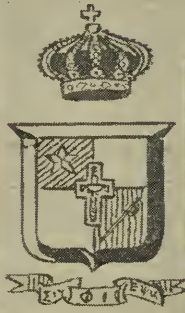
The city with its broad streets, beautiful parks, stately monuments, near-by battle fields, reminiscences of by-gone days, with a living example of a superb, progressive modernism, unfolded volume by volume, revealed undreamt of wonders to those from different states, as they were piloted here and there by the ever attentive and thoughtful Richmond Alumni. The sight-seeing trip was done to "the queen's taste."

The Fraternity Banquet was the largest and best we have had. The "eats" were the choicest. The toasts, made "short and snappy," at the urgent request of those in charge, were of a variety seldom heard. Music, jokes and speaking all had their place. Its success, which is always assured, was even more so than usual. Everyone present was carried away by the event, the favors, and the good-fellowship.

The final ball was the last game on the schedule. Again victory was ours. The grand march, the favors, and the "eats" were enthusiastically received. Richmond's best in every respect was there. It was the event of the week, so pronounced by all. It must for ever hold a tender place in the memory of those present. The farewell dance, always the best, was mingled in joy and sadness. Joy, that the Conclave had been such an unbounded success; sadness, that each must soon depart, perhaps never to meet again.

Brothers, you will always remember the Ninth Conclave. You are proud that you were there. Yet, pledge yourselves now that the Tenth Conclave must surpass the Ninth and that you'll be there.

NEWLY ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS



W. L. Phillips
Grand Secretary
E. D. Ivey
Grand Vice-President

F. J. Knauss
Grand President
J. O. Kammerman
Grand Treasurer

F. A. Price
Grand Historian
F. G. Louthan
Grand Guard

Greetings from Grand President

The Conclave recently closed was indeed a splendid one. Shall we ever forget the whole-hearted reception accorded us by our Brothers in Richmond, and the royal manner in which we were entertained. I want to embrace this opportunity to again commend those in charge of the arrangements for the Ninth Grand Chapter Conclave for the efficient manner in which every detail was handled.

I believe that we are entering upon the best year of our Fraternity's history. With the added help in the office of the Grand Secretary, and the devotion of Brother Phillips and Brother Wingett, I am sure that this will be the best of all the years of our fraternity.

I trust that every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon will feel free to bring before me any matter which he may deem proper for my attention, and I assure you that I will give all matters prompt attention and expedite the business of the fraternity to the best of my ability.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon the most cordial and fraternal Christmas greetings. May the coming year bring happiness and prosperity to you all. May good cheer, peace and plenty be your part in this world's theatre throughout the coming year.

Hail to the New Year. May you accept heriocrally its, challenges, fight nobly its battles, solve wisely its problems, rejoice in its sorrows and in all times keep hope.

F. J. KNAUSS,
Grand President, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

A Toast

I drink not to the sunset skies
That glow with evening's red,
Nor to the morning's sparkling dew
In night's still quiet shed.
I drink not to youth's freshest hours
With strength and vigor mixt,
Nor to the love that's woman's claim
To hearts so true and fixt.
I drink not to the fairest land
Where freedom reigns supreme,
Nor to her singing birds and flowers,
Nor sylvan moonlit scene.
I drink not to the frothy foam
That laps her sand and shoal,
Nor to her snow-capped mountain peaks
That gleam with silv'ry gold.
I drink not to her heroes brave
Who slumber 'neath the sod,
Who died upon the battlefield
For country and for God.
I drink not to her daughters fair,
The Southland's lovl'est claim,
Nor to their rosy cheeks and lips
And hearts always the same.
But my toast is to Friendship's bonds,
The great Fraternity,
That grips our hearts with bands like steel
Until Eternity.
Now drink and swear that you'll be true
To Friendship's bonds till on
Th' Eternal Gates you see in gold,
Sigma Phi Epsilon.

JOHN ALEXANDER RORER,
Virginia Zeta, '17.

Report of the Eighth Annual Interfraternity Conference

New York City, December 2, 1916

James B. Webster, Va. Alpha, '06, Delegate

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is the second one of these conferences that the writer has attended. While the general impression last year was very favorable, it was even more so this year. The influence of the conference is far-reaching by the very nature of the problems which it studies and discusses, and on which it forms and expresses its careful judgments.

The purpose of the conference was frequently emphasized. It is advisory, not legislative. There was, however, a strong feeling that the conference should express its convictions on important issues, particularly, where moral principles were involved.

The order of business was varied, comprehensive, and practical in its committee reports and discussions. There was such mutual agreement and understanding that there was little discussion except to emphasize certain features.

The most satisfactory impression is that fraternity work is very much worth while. It produces the consciousness that whatever time, money, and effort has been earnestly given to the real work of the fraternity the same has not been wasted.

PERSONNEL, ATTENDANCE, MEETING-PLACE

The personnel changes somewhat each year. There were some who have attended all conferences. There were present such well-known men as H. H. McCorkle, O. H. Cheney, J. D. Livingston, Dean T. A. Clark of the Uni-

versity of Illinois, Prof. F. W. Shepardson of the University of Chicago, Prof. R. M. Bird of the University of Virginia, George Banta, Editor of the Greek Exchange and W. R. Baird of Baird's Manual fame.

The attendance has grown steadily. Three other fraternities have joined during the year, making a total of 37 fraternities. The total number of delegates and alternates present was 121; visitors 33, grand total 154.

The original meeting-place was the University Club. It became necessary to change to the Union League Club, at Fifth Avenue and 39th Street. The accommodations were well adapted to the needs and the comforts of the conference.

HIGH POINTS OF THE CONFERENCE

It is rather difficult to select these when the whole conference was on such a high plane, from the report of Chairman H. H. McCorkle, at the beginning, to the resolutions offered under the head of unfinished business. The reports were all written and read. The Special Committee reports were printed and copies sent to each of the delegates before they came to the conference. There were no delays nor excuses. Things were done when they should have been done and to the best of the ability of those concerned.

One of the high points was the practical value of the reports. The Executive Committee had done effective, practical, personal work during the year in smoothing out troubled relations between college faculties and fraternities. The colleges have come to see that the work of the conference is distinctly valuable and have made more use of it than before.

The reports dealt with practical problems such as local inter-fraternity squabbles, pledge-lifting, scholarship, chapter-house management, failure of college fraternity men to

graduate and the reasons, the relation of fraternities to the public and the institutions in which they are located.

The conference struck high moral and spiritual notes, in the discussion of the reports on organizations antagonistic to Fraternity Ideals, Public Opinion, High School Fraternities, etc.

There was repeated emphasis on the need for a great expansive movement on the part of the fraternities. The appeals were based on broad human interests, local and world-wide. There is just as good material in an agricultural college as in a classical college. Snobbery was condemned. Democratic sympathies and relations were almost demanded.

The highest moral and spiritual attainment of the individual in his relation to society was placed first in these reports and discussions. In this atmosphere of moral earnestness, and in this time of scientific knowledge of cause and effect it was easy to pass the resolution recommending to the active chapters that they banish alcoholic drinks from social functions and chapter houses.

The highest point was touched in the discussion of Section 8 of the report of the Committee on Public Opinion. Col. James B. Curtis, Delta Tau Delta, called the conference to face the fact that pledge-lifting continues to be practiced in spite of the general condemnation by the conference. He branded it as undignified, dishonest, barbarous, and offered a resolution that would result in each fraternity's dealing effectively with its offending chapters. Dr. J. S. Ferguson, Kappa Sigma, moved an enacting clause which calls for the punishment of the offending chapter to the full extent permitted by the fraternity regulations.

In most case, the trouble arises from deliberate and underhanded plotting, for personal or political reasons, by a rival fraternity, and not in any of the many reasons usually given to justify the cowardly and unmanly practice. An

experienced college dean said he had never known of but one man who had allowed himself to be "lifted" who had proven himself worth anything to the fraternity or to himself. Mr. J. D. Livingston, Delta Phi, called the practice of "pledge-lifting" grand larceny.

The resolution was carried, in short order, by ringing appeals to moral principles, fairness and honor. It made the blood flow faster to see how clear-cut were the moral issues and the courage with which men responded to them.

THE BANQUET

The same high spirit of the day's conferences prevailed through the evening. In former days, it would have been thought necessary to have a big carouse at the banquet. The members showed their sincerity in passing the recommendation to the active chapters to banish alcoholic drinks from their social functions by not including them in the menu of the first conference banquet.

The orchestra furnished good music, playing familiar college airs, and starting off with "It's always fair weather when good fellows get together." The "stein on the table" was apparently not essential to the spirit of good fellowship that prevailed as the crowd joined in the songs, and rose to its feet and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and a stanza of "America." "Dixie" brought forth cheers, as it always does. Fraternity and college yells were sandwiched between the music and courses. The official photographer was present to record the event with the camera.

The speeches were splendid and brought forth frequent and prolonged applause. Mr. H. H. McCorkle, Toastmaster, presided with grace and dignity. Only summaries of the speeches can be given though there was much that should have been printed and circulated among the Alumni and active members.

President W. H. S. Demarest, Rutgers, the first speaker,

proposed as the test of the fraternity its serviceableness to the individual man who comes into the organization. The test presents itself in five vital questions: (1) Does it give the young man the right kind of home influence; (2) Does it give that high comradeship which calls forth the noblest in a young man's soul; (3) Does it cultivate his virtues and and native powers; (4) Does it encourage his best scholarship; (5) Does it encourage the comradeship of the entire body of college students? To justify its existence the fraternity must answer these questions in the affirmative.

The fraternity has a great stewardship intrusted to it. It has done great things. It will be called to do greater. The deal before it is the making of the young man in his fulness—the fullness of the young man Jesus Christ.

Prof. F. W. Shepardson discussed the significance of the fraternity, formerly an aristocratic institution, in the face of the present tendency toward democracy in our social, economic, and political life. The foreign element is a particularly perplexing factor. His solution of the re-adjustment is that the fraternity drop its mystery and secrecy. There is really none now. He had received eight or ten “grips” that day. The more important adjustment is the establishment of more chapters and the organization of more fraternities that this fundamental human need of comradeship may be met for all. It lies before the fraternities to build for a greater America a greater fraternity on the broad basis of human friendship and higher ideals.

Hon. John Dewitt Warner gave a very striking history of the origin of Greek letter fraternities in the groups of students which constituted the earliest universities. His conclusion was equally striking, that the present day fraternity will be the agency which will restore the former ideal of a university consisting of a group of students rather than of a faculty of teachers and a group of buildings and a list of laws and regulations.

It was nearly eleven o'clock when Dean Albert Holmes, Pennsylvania State College, in a masterful way, caught the flagging interest of the banqueters by his wit and humor, and presented the fraternity in its psychological significance, including the biological and anthropological considerations. Ideals are needed that lead on step by step, to the highest ideal, the Christ. The young man chooses his hero in the concrete form of some man whom he knows and Dean Holmes made a powerful appeal to the alumni present to be worthy of this worship. Prolonged applause followed this address.

The crowd was reluctant to break up and stood around in groups renewing the ties of fellowship and forming new ones as men of all fraternities mingled in a spirit of comradeship equal to any that prevails within any chapter that the writer has ever seen.

Do you want to know the judgment of a large number of experienced fraternity men on some of the following questions?

1. What is the present trend in fraternity expansion, and what are the reasons underlying?
2. How fraternity men have conducted themselves in time of war?
3. How to hold your men for graduation and so strengthen your chapter?
4. How to win over parents who object to their son joining your fraternity?
5. How to get the interest of local business men?
6. What to give the fellows in your chapter-house to eat?
7. How to find some way to furnish a proper diet and do it cheaper than you ever did it before?
8. Would you like to see a good model of chapter house rules?

9. Would you like some helpful standard of conduct for those Freshman youngsters outside of the chapter house?

10. What is the relation between the fraternity and citizenship?

11. What is the greatest danger to the American college fraternity?

12. How to make your chapter a leader?

Read and study the printed minutes of this conference when they come to your chapter house. Think about them. Talk about them.



American College Fraternity Men in the Allied Armies

By Paul Ayres Rockwell, Virginia Epsilon, '10

A large percentage of the American youths who have volunteered to fight for France in the Foreign Legion and the aviation corps during the actual world war have been college men, many of them belonging to college fraternities. It is gratifying that, in spite of the very just criticism that the American university system does not tend to develop the strongest and best manhood possible, the volunteers with college and university educations have compared favorably with their brothers-at-arms who were educated at the school of experience or of hard knocks. In fact, it may be truly stated that a larger proportion of college men than of non-college men have distinguished themselves on the field of battle, and been honored with medals and promotions.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has sent more soldiers from the States to France than any other fraternity—C. Lewis Robertson, of Georgia Alpha; and Kiffin Yates Rockwell and Paul Ayres Rockwell, of Virginia Epsilon. Brother Robertson is today fighting in the trenches "somewhere in France," and later I hope to tell some of his experiences.

The *Journal* has already told of Brother Kiffin Rockwell's golden record in the Foreign Legion and the aviation service.

Alpha Delta Phi has two men wearing the uniform of France; William Thaw of Yale, and William E. Dugan, Jr., of Rochester University. Both enlisted in the Foreign Legion and saw service in the trenches. Thaw was an aviator before the war, and after some months with the Legion transferred to the air service. He was wounded in

aerial combat at Verdum, has recovered and is again at the front. He has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, and the War Cross. Dugan fought for almost a year and a half as an infantryman. After recovering from a wound received at Verdum, he entered the air service and is finishing his course of instruction at a training camp for aeroplane pilots.

Zeta Psi also has two men in France's aviation corps—Dudley Hill, of Cornell, and C. C. Johnson, of the University of Virginia. Both started out in the war as ambulan-ced rivers for the American Red Cross. Wishing to take a true man's part in the world conflict, they resigned from the ambulance corps, entered aviation training schools and learned to fly battle planes. Hill and Johnson have both flown at the front for many months, and are doing good work.

Dr. David E. Wheeler, a Kappa Alpha (Northern society) from Williams College, came to France as surgeon for a hospital near the front. After passing several months within sound of the guns, he could no longer keep out of the actual fighting, and he entered the Legion as a plain private soldier. When the Legion charged the German fort in the Bois Sabot, Champagne, on September 28, 1915, the calf of Dr. Wheeler's right leg was blown away by an explosive bullet. Dr. Wheeler started crawling for the rear, but in spite of his own great pain he paused several times to administer morphine to terribly wounded comrades. For his courage he was awarded the War Cross.

Kenneth Weeks, a young and talented author, who belonged to the Mass. Institute of Technology chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, enlisted in the Foreign Legion in August, 1914, writing his mother "in defending France I am defending you." After the battle of May 9, 1915, when the Legion stormed La Targette, he was cited for coolness and

bravery in action. Five weeks later, on June 16, he was slain by the Germans near Givinchy. He had volunteered as bombthrower for his squad, a most dangerous post, and was last seen in pursuit of Germans who were fleeing toward their third line trenches.

James Rogers McConnell, one of the foremost aviators of the American escadrille, is a member of Beta Theta Pi, from the University of Virginia chapter. McConnell wears the War Cross, and is one of the most devoted airmen now on the front. Robert Rockwell, one of his fellow-aviators, belonged to a medical fraternity at Columbia University. Achilles Olinger, who was honorably discharged from the Legion after service in the trenches, joined the Lehigh University chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

The heroic Henry Farnsworth, who fell charging with the Legion in the Bois Sabot on September 28, 1915; immortal Victor Chapman, who fell in aerial combat with German aeroplanes above the Verdun battlefield on June 23 last, and devoted Norman Prince, who died October 15 following injuries sustained on the great Oberndorf raid of October 12; all belonged to prominent clubs at Harvard. Lawrence Rumsey, now flying for France on the Somme front, belonged to the Porcelin club at the same university.

This list of American college fraternity men who have offered their lives for Justice, Liberty and Right, which three great principles are the fundamental basis of all true brotherhoods, is undoubtedly incomplete. There are surely scores of Greek letter men among the several thousand Americans serving in the British and Canadian regiments and aviation corps, and possibly others who wear the uniform of France.

Report of the Interfraternity Conference Committee on Public Opinion

Submitted at the Conference in New York December 2nd.

A revival of antagonism to college fraternities found expression two years ago in the introduction of bills in several legislatures designed to bar Greek-letter societies from State institutions. In most States the legislatures will meet during the coming year, and in some of the States a renewal of the fight on fraternities may be expected.

Threats of anti-fraternity legislation are now being made in Missouri, and it is quite probable that fraternities will be called upon to defend themselves against legislation intended to drive them out of existence in several States. In the East, formidable opposition to fraternities is not discernible. The antagonism centers in the State institutions of the West and South, and it originates doubtless in the fact that a large proportion of the students in these institutions are not invited to join fraternities. There are a number of State universities each of which has an attendance of several thousand, in some cases 5,000 or 6,000 not counting summer school students. Fraternities have not expanded at anything like the rate of growth of some of the State Universities.

With large numbers of students unable to gain admission to fraternities, it is only human nature for them to seek to pull down a system which in their opinion discriminates against them. It must be remembered that many members of legislatures are elected by farmers, and when the farmers get into their heads that their sons and daughters in State institutions are discriminated against, they are very sure to start a campaign to smash the fraternities.

It may be recalled that the bill to kill fraternities in the University of Texas was defeated two years ago in the legislature by a very narrow majority in the House of Representatives, 68 to 59, a difference of only nine votes.

It is well to bear in mind also that in most States the Greeks are not at all organized for resisting attacks that may be made on fraternities in the legislatures. In many legislatures there are few fraternity men to defend fraternities. Mr. George Banta, formerly Chairman of this committee on publicity, stated last year that two years previously there were only two fraternity men in both the house and senate of the legislature of Wisconsin.

In view of the ever-present danger of adverse legislation in the annual or biennial sessions of the legislatures, this committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The chapters in State institutions, instead of discouraging the creation of new chapters, should encourage local societies to apply to national fraternities for charters and should help them to organize. The larger the proportion of Greeks among the students the less will be the opposition to them.

2. Fraternities should not confine themselves to State universities and State colleges if there are other institutions that afford good material for fraternity membership. The more Greeks there are in a State the more influence they can exert to defeat hostile legislation. The numbers of Greeks in Ohio and Indiana, for instance, are a protection to some extent against legislation to exclude fraternities from the three State universities in Ohio and the two in Indiana.

3. It is vitally important that the fraternities should be conducted in such a spirit that the members will consider it their duty to support the college or university first and their chapter or fraternity second. Fraternity politics if injected into the student body will certainly react on fra-

ternities and increase the clamor that fraternities be suppressed. Dr. F. K. Farr, editor of the *Kappa Sigma Caduceus*, has editorially recommended the "nominating committee" plan in force at Washington and Jefferson College. All students are free to nominate students for student officers. A representative committee of students, appointed by the college president, votes upon the nominations until all but three of the nominees are eliminated. The vote of the student body is then taken by written ballot.

Some such plan ought to be adopted to prevent election scandals in which there are charges of fraternity selfishness or unfairness. Selections for positions on athletic teams and for positions in other student activities should be made absolutely on the basis of merit, as scholastic honors are awarded by the faculty to the most deserving, and fraternity connections should not be allowed to have anything whatever to do with any honors within the gift of the students.

4. Non-fraternity men should be treated by Greeks with more consideration than they are accustomed to receive. They should be invited to chapter houses and made to feel welcome, and representatives should be invited to chapter entertainments and shown as much attention as is extended to any other guests. In other words, there should be no sign of snobbishness in the action of the Greeks towards non-fraternity men. Incidentally, they should not be called barbs or barbarians.

5. It is important that all differences between fraternities as to rushing and other matters should be settled amicably in local inter-fraternity conference agreements, so that there shall be nothing discreditable about inter-fraternity relations, and so that outsiders shall not learn through newspapers and other channels of charges of bad faith on the part of rival chapters. Local fraternities should be admitted to local conferences on equal terms with chapters of national fraternities.

6. One of the chief criticisms of fraternities has been on the ground of poor scholarship. In many institutions fraternity men have suffered the reproach of having made poorer scholastic grades than the average of the student body. In recent years there has been some improvement in the average grade of scholarship of fraternity men, but there is still much room for improvement in this regard. It is really a disgrace for fraternity men, who are supposed to be selected for mental capacity, to fall below non-fraternity men with respect to scholarship, and such a circumstance gives rise to the belief that the influences of fraternities are not wholesome.

The committee on publicity last year approved the plan of college faculties posting the average grades of the students and the average grade of the members of each chapter. We believe that this plan will stimulate Greeks to make more creditable scholastic records than they have made, and we propose that the Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Conference inform the faculties of all colleges where fraternities exist that the Conference approves and recommends the plan.

7. The committee approves the rule, which has been adopted by many college faculties, that prohibits the initiation of students who have not successfully passed the examination of one semester. The enforcement of such a rule will keep many undesirable men out of fraternities, men whose careers at college are in most cases very short.

For many reasons, however, we disapprove of the rule in some universities which prohibits the initiation of a student until he has entered the Sophomore class. The period is unreasonably long, and enforcement of such a rule will not produce good results for the Freshmen, for the fraternities or for the university.

The committee strongly disapproves of the custom which

prevails in some institutions where the faculty imposes no restrictions, but the fraternities themselves refuse to bid any man after Freshman delegations are secured. Many good men will pass unobserved during the fall rushing period, and their merits may not be recognized until they are sophomores, juniors, or even seniors. This is apt to happen very often in the larger universities. No foolish pride or custom should prevent such men receiving fraternity bids after Freshman year. The initiation of such men would fill up the delegations depleted by members failing in examinations or leaving college for other causes.

8. Rushing should be conducted in a dignified manner, and without extravagant expenditure for entertainment. Rough work should be eliminated from initiations, and out-of-door initiation performance should be entirely abandoned, as they attract unenviable public attention and newspaper notoriety, and tend to expose the fraternity system to ridicule.

9. Mistakes by chapters and excesses in deportment by members may, to some extent, at least, be avoided by the appointment of local alumni-advisers, whose duty it shall be to keep in close touch with their respective chapters, to give counsel where needed, to keep national fraternity officers informed as to the chapter's standing, and promptly to communicate information regarding conditions that may require the immediate attention of the higher officers.

10. The chapters should set their houses in order, so that there may be no criticism of the behavior of the inmates from the parents of the members or from fraternity cavers, who are only too prone to find fault whenever there is any possible opportunity. We suggest that the Inter-fraternity Conference approve and recommend to the chapters of the various fraternities the House Rules that were included in a questionnaire which Dr. Henry Suzzallo, President of the

University of Washington, sent to the chapters there in the fall of 1915. These House Rules are sub-headed: Study Hours, Rough House, Table Rules, Rooms, Clothes and Books, Tobacco, Liquor, Cards and Gambling, Profanity and Vulgarity, Honor System, and Rules Governing the Conduct of Members outside the Chapter House. These House Rules are appended to this report. They were published, with a review of the answers to the questionnaire, in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for July, 1916.

11. The increasing tendency towards extravagance in chapter house life should be constantly resisted. The charge of extravagance which is frequently made against fraternities prejudices the public against them. Parents of fraternity men often complain that fraternities are extravagant. Some students write home for money which they say is to pay fraternity dues, but which is spent for other purposes, and therefore parents in some cases conclude that membership in a fraternity costs more than it does. To prevent misunderstanding, every chapter should annually inform the parents of its members as to the amount of fraternity and chapter dues and the price of board and lodging in the chapter house.

Economy should be practised in conducting the chapter house, and entertainments involving expense should be strictly limited. In this connection we commend the co-operative scheme for buying chapter house supplies conducted at Cornell by Mr. A. B. Weller, and we recommend that the Conference authorize an explanatory pamphlet on the subject to be printed and distributed to all chapters where there are two or more chapters in any institution.

12. There is no telling in what State legislature the fight on fraternities will be first renewed, or in how many legislatures there will be such attacks during the next year, but in this era of preparedness the fraternities should take some steps

toward preparation. We suggest that a collection should be made of endorsements of college fraternities from men of national reputation or of high position in the educational world, so that these endorsements may be published broadcast when needed, to confute those who would cast aspersions on fraternities while anti-fraternity legislation is pending. We understand that Mr. William C. Levere, Manager of the Fraternity Reference Bureau, has made a collection of such endorsements, and we suggest that the Conference recommend that all fraternities co-operate with him in making the collection more complete.

While the enemies of college fraternities are probably more numerous now than ever before, and more able to affect public opinion by misrepresentation, it is gratifying to note that the status of fraternities has improved in two institutions during the past year, both of them in the South and church controlled. Last December the rule against fraternities at Wofford College was rescinded, and several fraternities have restored their chapters there. For several years there has been a violent agitation against fraternities at Mercer University, but last June the trustees settled the question favorably to the Greeks, with instructions that they are to be "regulated and controlled" by the president and faculty, so as to avoid any discrimination "for or against either fraternity or non-fraternity men in all college activities."

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JAMES B. CURTIS, Δ T Δ

Minnesota Alpha's New Home

University of Minnesota

At the University of Minnesota, where the fraternity houses are not particularly pretentious, the new home of Sigma Phi Epsilon stands well to the front. It is not the most expensive nor most conspicuous house on the campus, but it is an attractive, comfortable structure of the stately, old mansion type, and with the location and conveniences that make it all a fraternity could desire.

The house is located at 1009 University Avenue, four blocks from the campus, in a residential district that leaves nothing to be desired. In the same block are the Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Delta Theta houses; opposite are the Phi Sigma Kappas, and close by, on University and avenues crossing it, are all the fraternity houses of importance. "Fraternity Row" is the name commonly applied to that section of University Avenue near the campus.

The house itself is a three-story building, in size about forty-five by fifty-five feet, on a lot seventy by one hundred and thirty. A large porch, with a high stone front, extends over the front of the building, which is a frame structure. The gables of the house and the rounding stone wall of the porch, do away with all angularity of appearance and lend a tone of individuality and distinction to the building.

The vestibule opens into a reception room, containing a large fire place, and a stairway with a broad landing, made attractive by a beautifully stained leaded window. Adjoining this reception room on either side are living rooms; the three rooms, because of the wide doors, are virtually one. A dining room, with two alcoves and another fire place,



Minnesota Alpha's New Home
University of Minnesota

is separated from these rooms by heavy curtains. The roomy kitchen is adjoined by a supply pantry, butler's pantry and wash room. The laundry is in the basement.

Four study rooms—all of them corner rooms—are on the second floor. Two of them accommodate four men each, and the other two three men each. The hall is large and has a fire place and built-in clothes chest. The bath room on this floor is tiled.

On the third floor is a fifth study room, the matron's room, and the dormitory with its twenty single beds. The house will comfortably accommodate about twenty men.

Throughout the house is finished in dark hardwood; the papering and carpeting is in dark green, and other furnishings likewise in harmony, giving the effect of quiet good taste. The electric and gas light fixtures are individual and attractive in design and add a great deal to the appearance of the rooms. The house is heated by steam. With re-painting of the exterior, and re-papering of a few of the rooms, the house will be one which any fraternity might be glad to occupy.

To the alumni, who took the initiative in the purchase of the house, the active chapter of Minnesota Alpha owes a great deal. They made the first payment and made such arrangements that the active chapter can make the additional payments easier than it could pay rent for the former house. Minnesota Alpha welcomes all brothers to her new home.

The New Home of Kansas Alpha

At last our dreams have been realized, and we are now comfortably situated in a beautiful new home of our own. Altho not strictly a new house, so many improvements have been made that the use of the word is justified. As the house now stands in its completed condition, it is four stories in height, including the basement. The first floor proper has been completely remodeled. What were before three separate rooms have been converted into practically one large room by the enlarging of the doors between them. The former gas fireplace has been replaced by a large wood fireplace. Several improvements have also been made on the second floor. A large, roomy sleeping-porch extends our from this floor. The hall on this floor has also been remodeled, making it much roomier than before. The former attic has been converted into four large rooms and a bath room. The entire house is equipped with water, gas, and electricity and is modernly convenient in all respects.

It is a house of which we are all justly proud and if any of you ever manage to get down to Baldwin, you have a standing invitation to visit us in our new home.



Kansas Alpha's New Home
Baker University

Sigma Phi Epsilon with the National Guard

A fraternity should be represented in every walk of life, and its sentiments are only expressed by actualities, by what it is able to portray in life.

That fraternity men answer to the call of their Country is evidenced by the regimental rosters of the troops on the border, and there is not a regiment, nay, scarcely a company which does not enroll a Greek.

This article is intended to show what part Sigma Phi Epsilon is taking in the citizen soldiery of our country. While the Editor feels that the data which he has collected might have been more complete yet the constant movements of the troops which necessitate changes of address together with the fact that the boys were kept busy with their camp life and soldier duties made it almost impossible to complete the information desired.

There will be found in the appended list representatives from fifteen states numbering in all sixty-six men in the service. These brothers represent twenty-one chapters in the fraternity from almost every point in the United States. They are distributed in every branch of the service and while a soldier is a soldier be he private or captain, yet there is extraordinarily large number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the list.

Surely it must be a source of gratification down on that lonesome border line, to have someone whom you can grasp by the hand and greet with the epithet of brother.

The brothers at certain camps have organized themselves. At Camp Deming, N. M., the brothers held a banquet at the Harvy House, September 20th, which was attended by nine of the brothers as follows: Delaware Alpha, Capt.

Robert M. Carswell, Lieut. Randall S. Carswell, Louis G. Gibney, Penn. Eta, Henry W. Crumbaugh, of the 1st Dela. Inf., Arkansas Alpha, Lieut. John B. Daniels, Corp. Ivan B. Williams, Geo. Love, Isaac L. Thompson and Chas. H. Warren, 1st Arkansas Inf.

Brother Henry W. Crumbaugh in a letter says: "The four regiments, two Arkansas, one Delaware, and one Wyoming (all infantry) have just returned from a ten days hike thru the mountains of Northwestern New Mexico. On this hike we encountered every hardship of marching, privation and cold that a soldier meets and are proud to say that every Sigma Phi Epsilon finished with a 100 per cent. score.

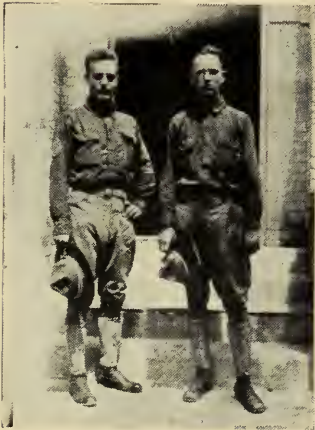
At one place on our hike we camped in the Santa Rita Mountains at an elevation of 8,200 feet and that night with two blankets we put thru a night at 7 degrees below zero.

When we are in regular routine here in camp we often have little get-together meetings in which we talk over old times at college, and our several chapters. There are about twelve fraternities represented here at Camp Deming, and we have the singular honor of being first to organize and hold meetings." * * *

In another letter from Kansas Alpha about Brother Paul Botkin, Kansas Alpha Battalion Sergeant Major, Second Kansas Infantry, and Corporal F. N. Roberts, a pledge, we quote the following: "On the 6th of September, the 1st and 2nd Kansas regiments started on their history making trip by motor trucks to San Antonio. One hundred and thirty-two trucks were required to transport more than 2,000 Kansans and their field equipment over the 180 miles from Eagle Pass to San Antonio. The trip was successfully made in three days—two days actual time. It was the first time in the Army's history that long distance transporta-



Left to Right Capt. Carswell, Valiant Crumbaugh, Lieut. Daniels, Love, Williams, Thompson, Gibney



Sgt. Botkin Corp. Roberts



Lieut. J. H. Porter



Front Row Sgt. Olson Snelling
Second Row Sgt. Davis, Sgt. Anthony, Gates, Sgt. Keefe
Third Row Locke, Sgt. Suter, Allen



With the First Virginia Cavalry, Brownsville, Texas

tion was attempted and both our brothers were in on the ovation.

After a weeks stay in San Antonio the Second formed part the of First Brigade in the march of the Twelfth Division to Austin, in which 15,000 men participated. Sergeant Major Botkins, being mounted acted as aide to his Major, and part of the time was in command of the combat-wagon train of his battalion.

Corporal Roberts was relieved of his squad and assigned for clerical duty in the 1st Sergeant's tent on arrival in San Antonio. More than 100 miles was covered in eight days on the way to Austin, and 83 miles in six days on the return trip, which was completed October 2nd."

At Vermont Alpha when the guard was called out every active brother took the Federal oath. One of the features of the National mobilization was the large number of college contingents, that is, divisions made up solely of college men from a single college or university. A few of these that have come under the writers attention are, University of Colorado, Co. B Engineers, Troop D Cavalry, N. G. of C.; Purdue University, Battery B First Ind. Artillery, known as Purdue Battery; Geo. Washington University Coast Artillery, and at the University of Minnesota, Battery F, Minnesota Heavy Artillery.

The following list is in no manner complete but should serve to show in a measure what a great part Sigma Phi Epsilon is taking in National defense.

Virginia Alpha

Lieut. Robert Throckmorton, 1st Va. Cavalry, Brownsville, Tex.

Warren Lewis, 1st Va. Cavalry, Brownsville, Tex.

E. B. Dunford, 1st Va. Cavalry, Brownsville, Tex.

Colorado Alpha

Corp. Frank Crotts, Troop D, Cavalry.
Sgt. Monnett Davis, Troop D, Cavalry.
Cranton Rader, Company B, Engineers.
Lloyd Ruggles, Company B, Engineers.
Sgt. Arthur Warner, Company B, Engineers.

Pennsylvania Delta

Bob Diemer, Md. Infantry.

Virginia Delta

John H. Cato, Troop C 1st Va. Cal., Brownsville, Tex.

North Carolina Beta

Sgt. Ralph Allison Gill, Troop A, N. C. N. G., Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Indiana Alpha

Q. M. S. Raymond M. Jones, Battery B, 1st Art., Llando Grande.

Virginia Epsilon

Corp. Fagg Malloy, 1st N. C. Cav., El Paso, Tex.

Georgia Alpha

Corp. William Devoe Coney, 1st Ga. Inf., Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Delaware Alpha

Capt. Robt. Carswell, 1st Dela. Inf., Deming, N. M.
Lieut. Randall Carswell, 1st Dela. Inf., Deming, N. M.
Louis G. Gibney, 1st Dela. Inf., Deming, N. M.

Virginia Eta

Sgt. Robert Fulton White, 1st N. C. Cav., El Paso, Tex.

Arkansas Alpha

Lieut. John B. Daniels, Ark. Inf., Deming, N. M.
Corp. Ivan B. Williams, Ark. Inf., Deming, N. M.
George Love, Ark. Inf., Deming, N. M.
Isaac L. Thompson, Ark. Inf., Deming, N. M.
Charles H. Warren, Ark. Inf., Deming, N. M.

Pennsylvania Epsilon

Sgt. Grant McDonald Buchanan, 1st Penn. Field Art.
Sgt. Rowe Ennis, 4th Pa. Infantry.

Ohio Gamma

Corp. Raymond Givens, N. G. Cav., Ft. Bliss, Tex.
Lieut. Robert Tavener, Militia Springfield Co., Ft.
Bliss, Tex.

Paul Ligett, Cavalry, Ft. Bliss, Tex.
M. D. Slusser, Cavalry, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Vermont Alpha

1st Lieut. R. L. Creed, 1st Vt. Cav.
2nd Lieut. L. H. Cook, 1st Vt. Cav.
2nd Lieut. W. C. Merkle, 1st Vt. Cav.
1st Sgt. D. Cedar, 1st Vt. Cav.
Q. M. Sgt. W. E. Davis, 1st Vt. Cav.
Q. M. Sgt. R. C. Anthony, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. A. G. Olsen, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. T. F. Keefe, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. G. D. Suter, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. W. B. Boewe, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. M. C. Gleason, 1st Vt. Cav.
H. Corps G. L. Snelling, 1st Vt. Cav.
Sgt. H. C. Bennett, 1st Vt. Inf., Eagle Pass, Tex.

Alabama Alpha

1st Lieut. H. J. Porter, Jr., 1st Field Art. N. G. of Ala.
2nd Lieut. A. A. Adams, Jr., 1st Field Art. N. G. of Ala.
J. L. Steinluis, Battery C 1st Ala. Field Art.
P. R. Bidez, 4th Reg. Band, Alabama Infantry.
Lieut. F. A. Hart, 2nd Reg. Alabama Infantry.
1st Lieut. A. M. Smith, 4th Reg. N. G. of Ala.
Sgt. R. C. Chapman, 1st Field Art. N. G. of Ala.
Morris Moore, 1st Field N. G. of Ala.

District of Columbia Alpha

Corp. Jas. I. Burgess, Coast Art. Corps.

Corp. Benj. Cruinckshanks, Coast Art. Corps.

P. J. Hunt, Coast Art. Corps.

C. M. Myers, Coast Art. Corps.

H. L. Brown, Troop A Cav. N. G., Houston Tex.

R. L. Hunter, Troop A Cav N. G., Houston, Tex.

Kansas Alpha

Sgt. Maj. Paul Botkin, 2nd, Kans. Infantry, Eagle Pass, Tex.

Corp. Frank N. Roberts, 2nd Kans. Infantry, Eagle Pass, Tex.

New York Beta

Sgt. P. C. Euchner, Troop M, 1st N. Y. Cav., McAllen, Tex.

A. A. Booth, 1st Va. Artillery, El Paso, Tex.

G. E. Sackers, Co. C, 22nd Reg. N. Y. Eng., McAllen, Tex.

North Carolina Gamma

Lieut. F. L. St. John, Co. M, 3rd Reg. N. G. of N. C., El Paso, Tex.

Wisconsin Alpha

Emory Sidney Rogers, 2nd Wis. Infantry, San Antonio, Tex.

Sgt. William Robert Brice, 2nd Wis. Infantry, San Antonio, Tex.

Pennsylvania Eta

Henry Williams Crumbaugh, 1st Dela. Inf., Deming N. M.

Royal Alfred Stoner, Ill. N. G., Deming, N. M.

Minnesota Alpha

Corp. Henry Loge, Co. L, 3rd Minn. Infantry.

Sgt. Porter Wiggins, Co. K, 1st Minn. Infantry.

Raymond Pallmer, G. B. 1st Minn. Infantry.

Iowa Beta

Q. M. S. James Edward Fitzgerald, Jr., Co. No. 1 Ambulance, Brownsville, Tex.

Kiffin Yates Rockwell

Editors Note. The following letters and clippings the Editor reprints with the hope that in this humble manner Sigma Phi Epsilon can show how proud she is to record the deeds of so brave and worthy a brother.

Paris Bureau Chicago Daily News 10, Bvd. des Capucines,
12 Nov., 1916.

DEAR BROTHER PHILLIPS:

I have just received the October *Journal*, and am extremely grateful to you for sending it. I liked the general make-up of the number better than any I had seen before. I am also glad to note that the Fraternity is in such good general condition, you know that wherever I may be I am always a loyal Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The article about dear Kiffin touches me very much, it is simple and sweetly expressive, quite suited to [my brothers life and character. No one ever had a dearer brother and truer friend than I had, and when Kiffin fell something went out of my life that can never return in this world. But Kiffin went so bravely and so willingly for what he knew to be right, that I can only attempt to bear his loss with a courage worthy of him. His life was full of fine deeds, if not of long years, and since Fate willed that [he die young, I am glad that it was fighting for France and [humanity he met his death. You know that I have ever been proud of my brother, and I think that every Sigma Phi Epsilon brother can learn a great lesson from Kiffin. He and Victor Chapman were two such heroic and noble souls as the world sees but rarely. I wish all of us could live a little way up to their standard.

I am inclosing some photographs of Kiffin, and some clippings and articles which I think would interest the entire fraternity. As a personal favor to me, will you publish the pictures and clippings, etc., in the *Journal*, so the brothers may know a little better how Kiffin lived and died, and what those who watched his sublime character develop thought of him. I want to do something for Kiffin, and there is so little I can do. I want others to know about him, and to

KIFFIN YATES ROCKWELL



At Luxeuil Sept. 1916
In Flying Togs Shortly
After Flight

In Uniform of Sous Lieut.
Regulating Machine Gun in
"Baby" Nieuport Just Prior
to Flight

profit from his example. Some day soon the United States will face a terrible war, and I hope all true Sigma Phi Epsilon men will be ready and willing to do their bit. Kiffin was one of the greatest soldiers any American college fraternity has produced in many generations, and he has set a high standard for us all.

I will stay on in France, I have many interests and many friends here, and there is much useful work I can do only here. The war bids fair to last at least another year, and I will continue to occupy myself with my comrades who are fighting for the Allies.

On December 4th I will marry Mademoiselle Marie Francoise Jeanne Leygues, of Paris and Villeneuve-sur-Lot.

I wish I could run across for the Conclave, but after the war I will come by Richmond and talk over life with you.

With best regards to you, and good wishes for the continued welfare of the fraternity and the brothers, I am,

As ever yours sincerely and fraternally,

PAUL ROCKWELL.

DEATH OF ROCKWELL ENDS DARING CAREER

MANY WAR HONORS WON BY AMERICAN AVIATOR, WHO IS KILLED IN
AIR DUEL—ZEALOUS IN ALLIES' CAUSE.

BY PAUL SCOTT MORER

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE DAILY NEWS.

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PARIS, FRANCE, Sept. 25.—When Kiffin Yates Rockwell, American airman in the service of France and brother of Paul Ayres Rockwell of The Daily News staff of war correspondents, fell in an aeroplane duel in the Vosges his life ended as he himself would have preferred.

The death of a friend is always a shock, but Rockwell's death was not a surprise. In tireless and excessive intrepidity, he almost seemed to have courted it only as a means of fighting for the cause of France, which was dearer to him than life.

Since leaving the foreign legion for the air service Rockwell had brought down four German air machines officially and probably others which dropped uncounted inside the enemy's lines. He had been decorated with the war cross and

the military medal; he was frequently mentioned in the order of the day and he was recently proposed for promotion as lieutenant. While stationed in the Verdun region he was more hours in the air than any other aviator in the French army. In a struggle of this kind such devotion and zeal have their price; it is invariably the bravest who fall.

Kiffin Yates Rockwell came of an old American southern family with a French strain in its blood. His ancestors distinguished themselves in two wars. His own appearance did not belie his descent. Tall, straight and slender, with something of the look of the falcon in his sensitive face, he seemed at times the embodiment of the spirit of battle. His nerves were high strung, but always under the control of his unswerving will. He hid the fire of his emotions behind a smiling taciturnity.

OBJECTED TO PUBLICITY.

Unlike most soldiers he objected even to being talked about and the publicity which the correspondents have given the American air squadron was abhorrent to him.

"Why should we be written up," he would ask almost fiercely, "for doing what our French comrades do as well every day?"

A few days ago he was in Paris and I had luncheon with him and his brother. At first he spoke little, but as the conversation turned on air flights his eyes suddenly blazed and, smiling his peculiar smile, he said:

"We fly alone while their pilots are accompanied by special machine gun operators, yet it is a fair fight. Our superior skill and initiative make us a match for them."

Later he said, still in the same soft Georgian drawl:

"An aviator need not know much about the works of his machine. He only needs to know how to fly. The rest he can leave to his mechanic. Aviators who know too much about their craft are usually nervous. They understand what it means when the motor makes a funny noise. We others go on flying blissfully ignorant and hoping for the best."

HAD NO FEAR OF DEATH.

Finally we spoke of death, and I remarked:

"The man who enters this war should consider himself dead from that moment. Every day thereafter that he lives

should be accounted as so much good luck—as so much to be grateful for.”

Rockwell made no answer but looked me straight in the eyes with his mysterious smile. This man did not fear death, for he had faced it too often. He was brave among the brave and besides he loved the cause—the cause of France, which for him was the cause of all mankind.

MATES OF ROCKWELL IN VOW OF VENGEANCE

AMERICAN AND FRENCH FLYERS VAINLY SEEK FOE WHERE ASSOCIATE
FELL—EXPLOSIVE BULLET USED—MACHINE IN FALL OF TWO
MILES AFTER ENCOUNTER—NOTED AIRMEN OF ALLIES AT FUNERAL.

By Paul Scott Mowrer.

(Special Cable to the Daily News)

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PARIS, FRANCE, Sept. 29, (delayed).—This is the story of how Kiffin Yates Rockwell died as it was told to me by his brother Paul, who has just returned from burying the heroic aviator:

The American air squadron was transferred recently from Verdun to a sector in Alsace, where the enemy, fearing raids into Germany, keep many of their fighting planes. Kiffin Rockwell was one of the first men ready for work in the new sector. He mounted two machine guns on his aeroplane and last Saturday morning started out alone to look for German machines. He found one almost immediately. A new model aviatik carrying a pilot and two gunners had flown inside the French lines.

MACHINE FALLS TWO MILES

Rockwell, from a superior height, swooped down upon the German machine. An infantry officer watching through glasses from the trenches heard the exchange of shots and saw the two machines rush swiftly toher. For a moment he thought the German craft had been wrecked; then he saw the French machine tilt and plunge. One wing was torn off in the speed of the descent and drifted sideways for nearly a kilometer (more than half a mile) on the breeze, while the aeroplane itself from a height of three and a half kilometers

(two miles) dropped like a stone and struck near a little wood just behind the lines.

The Germans had seen the occurrence and began to bombard the spot. Nevertheless some soldiers ran out, and, braving the shells, found that the machine in falling had dug a hole in the ground a yard deep and several yards wide.

SHOT WITH EXPLOSIVE BULLET

The soldiers carried the body of the aviator into the trenches, where a doctor certified that Rockwell had been shot through the chest with an explosive bullet and had died instantly. An ordinary bullet would probably only have wounded him. This bullet, bursting as it hit, tore a fearful gash.

News of Rockwell's death spread quickly. Lufbery, another American, who had started out at the same time that Rockwell did but in a different direction, had exhausted his ammunition in a desperate fight with three German machines and had been forced to land. The wings of his machine were full of holes, but on learning his comrade's fate he borrowed a fresh belt of cartridges and rose again immediately in a vain effort to overtake the fatal aviatik.

MEN GATHER AROUND BODY

When Rockwell's body was brought into the camp the squadron captain called the men together and after praising the dead American in the highest terms said that, however great their grief at losing a man who had been a noble example and a true friend to every one, their entire effort must now be devoted to avenging him. All then swore an oath of vengeance.

A French lieutenant who frequently flew with Rockwell and was his most constant friend and admirer, wept like a child. Indeed every man wept for Rockwell had been the life and soul of the squadron. In a single month at Verdun he had fought thirty-four victorious fights. Often against odds. He had brought down two Germans inside the French lines, two near the trenches and about six inside the German lines.

FOLLOW ROCKWELL'S REQUEST.

The day before his death he had specified that if he should be killed by the Germans, whatever money was found

on him should be used by the squadron to drink to the destruction of the Germans. This was solemnly done. A bottle of old bourbon whiskey, which had been given Rockwell by an American in Paris, will be opened hereafter when members of the squadron bring down Germans. On these occasions a few drops will be poured out for the victor in honor of Rockwell's memory and then the bottle will be resealed.

In a cemetery near the front Kiffin Yates Rockwell was buried with full military honors. Several well known aviators followed the flower decked gun carriage which bore the coffin wrapped in a flag, on which were pinned the victim's medals. One famous flyer said that Rockwell's death was the severest loss French aviation had suffered in many a day.

Paul Rockwell has brought back to Paris a small box in which are a few pathetic articles his brother had on him at the time of his death. Among them are the war cross and the military medal, a fountain pen, some personal letters, an unbroken wrist watch, which had stopped at 9:50 o'clock, and a silver cigarette case, crushed and bent fantastically.

There are also a few pressed crosuses, for it was in a bank of these flowers beside a tinkling stream in a gentle Alsatian valley, not far from Thann, that the aviator's body was found.

"He always said that in case of death he wished to be buried where he fell," Paul Rockwell told me. "There is no lovelier spot in the world. I have marked it carefully, and after the war I shall remove him from the cemetery to that flowery bank. I hope then to be able to pass a part of every year near him there."

ROCKWELL DEATH STIRS BERLIN

GERMANS VIOLENTLY CRITICISE U. S. AVIATION AID TO ALLIES' CAUSE

[By the Associated Press.]

BERLIN, GERMANY, Sept. 29, (via London, Sept. 30). —Nearly all the Berlin newspapers contribute to the bitter criticism that is being made of the Americans who have joined the French army. The news of the death in action of Flight Lieutenant Kiffin Rockwell has precipitated a storm of criticism.

The Post says that the presence of Rockwell and others in camps of the enemy cannot be regarded as the acts of individuals but that America sends its own citizens to European theaters of war to fight Germany. The paper says that the Rockwell incident shows "to what depth regard for neutrality has sunk among our enemies and in America. Such an unheard of conception of neutrality deserves to be labeled in the plainest way and not to be forgotten."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KIFFIN ROCKWELL
YOUNG AIR HERO WILL LIVE IN MEMORY OF FRANCE, SAYS FRENCH
PAPER

(Cable to the New York Globe.)

PARIS, Oct. 11.—A special memorial service was held today in a French Protestant church for Kiffin Yates Rockwell, the American aviator who was recently killed near Thann.

His brother, Paul, has received from John Jay Chapman of New York, father of Victor Chapman, who was also killed while flying for France, the following cable regarding Kiffin:

"Victor's soul is but a little way above Kiffin's and waits for him to keep him company."

L' Illustration, which devotes a special article to Kiffin Rockwell, says: "This young hero will live in the tender and grateful memory of France".

(From the New York Tribune.)

KIFFIN ROCKWELL'S DEATH

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE:

Sir: I am inclosing you herewith a copy of a letter I received this morning from the mother of my friend, Kiffin Rockwell, who was in the Legion under my command. I presume that you have read of his heroic death. He was one of the nicest and bravest men I have ever met, and his service to France and the Allied cause is really an honor to his country.

LIEUTENANT Z. PECHKOFF.

New York City, Oct. 1, 1916.

Asheville, N. C., September 28, 1916.

MY DEAR LIEUTENANT:

How your letter cheered and comforted me! Just to hear

from someone who knew my faithful boy, who had lately seen my two idols!

Ah, yes, my great loss is all the greater because Kiffin was just the boy he was, but I am not rebellious. Just before going to the front last May with the American escadrille he wrote me these words—his last that referred to death—“If I die I want you to know that I have died as every man ought to die—fighting for what is right. I do not feel that I am fighting for France alone, but for the cause of all humanity—the greatest of all causes”.

So my brave boy is gone, but he leaves a beautiful memory.

Paul had written that you were soon to come to the States. Should you come South I trust I may see you. A letter addressed to me at either Asheville or Winston-Salem will be received. I do not know what Paul's plans will be now, but I hope just what is for his own good.

Thanking you for your kind letter.

LOULA A. ROCKWELL.

No finer tribute was ever paid to one soldier by another than that spoken at the funeral of Kiffin Yates Rockwell by Captain Thenault, the French officer commanding the escadrille of volunteer American aviators flying for France.

The body of the gallant and devoted young airman, borne in solemn state upon a flower-decked gun-carriage and followed by hundreds of sorrowing French, American, British, Canadian and other Allied aviators, officers and soldiers, had been taken through the streets of age-old Luxeuil—where Julius Caesar was wont to come to bathe in the naturally hot waters of the famed springs, where fierce Arab conquerers rode on fiery steeds, and where Charlemagne built palaces which ravaging Norsemen destroyed—and carried to the military cemetery with its simple cross-marked, soldier-like graves. Most of the civilian population of the little Vosgian city had preceded the funeral cortege to the cemetery, and the entire crowd stood with bowed heads while the Captain spoke of his fallen comrade.

Herewith follows a translation of his brief but moving oration. Even here the ring of solemn heroism will not quite all have vanished from the words:

"Here, by this tomb so soon to be closed, we meet today to pay our final respects to our comrade.

"Sergeant Rockwell, Kiffin, was born in Newport, Tennessee, of Southern parentage. He was the descendant of an ancient family of soldiers, counting among his ancestors officers who had distinguished themselves under Washington and in the War of Secession. He received in America a military training which marked him with that imprint which characterised his life.

"Learning of the cowardly aggression of which our country was the object, and loving France as his second native land, with his brother, here present, he hastened to France and enlisted in the Foreign Legion. Having passed many months in the trenches, he took part in the combats, of Artois, in May, 1915, and after a valiant charge of four kilometres, fell, wounded in the thigh, near Neuville-Saint-Vaast of glorious memory. Scarcely recovered, he joined the aviation corps, where he obtained his brevet in an exceptionally short space of time. On the formation of the American escardille, he came with it to Luxeuil. Here he at once attracted attention. On May 18 of this year, he was the first at Hartmanvillerskopf to engage in battle, in which he was victorious. Shortly afterward, for his services he was awarded the Military Medal. Ordered to Verdun, he took part in every expedition to hunt the enemy. He was happy in the midst of danger; the greater the strength or the number of the enemy, the more anxious he was to attack. Never did Rockwell consider that he had done enough.

"His courage was sublime, and when the flights prescribed by the commandant were accomplished, he would set out again on his "Baby," barely allowing his mechanic time to refill his tanks.

"Indefatigable, he would fly over Vaux and Douaumont, above the crash of the enemy's guns. Where Rockwell was, The German could not pass, but was forced rapidly to take shelter on the ground. Daily he compelled enemy aeroplanes to descend on their own territory, far behind their lines his own machine returning bearing the glorious marks of these encounters.

"One day an explosive bullet struck him in the face. He would take no rest, despite the advice of his chiefs, but re-

turned to the combat and brought down yet another enemy machine within our lines.

"He was a great soldier with a high sense of duty. This he accomplished simply and valiantly, without boasting and without ambition. "I am paying my part of our debt to La Fayette and Rochambeau", he would say. He gave himself to France, and for France he sacrificed himself.

"On September 23, immediately on his return to Luxeuil, he burned with a desire to fly over the fields of Alsace. He flew over them, and not far from the spot where he fought his first splendid battle, he attacked the enemy. But here cruel fate willed it that he, Rockwell, who for four months fought at Verdun; who, single-handed, attacked ten enemy machines, should fall with a bullet in his breast as he advanced to meet his adversary.

"Glory be to him who fell nobly in the pursuit of his dream of love and justice. He met the death he so desired.

"On the night of his death, when we were gathered together, I said to his comrades: 'The best and bravest of us all is no longer here.' And never was commendation more merited.

"Glory be to his noble family and to his brother whom a serious wound has forced to leave the field of battle. We share in their great sorrow.

"And to thee, our best friend, in the name of France I bid thee a last farewell. In the name of thy comrades, who have so often proved that they know how to keep their promise, I salute thee reverentially. And with the memory of those who have fallen, and whom we here invoke, we swear faithfully to guard thy memory and to avenge it."

From the N. Y. Sun of Nov. 26, 1916.

AMERICAN FIGHTERS IN FRANCE LAUDED

GASTON RIOU, NOTED AUTHOR, PAYS ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE TWENTY-FIVE DEAD—300 BATTLE IN THE [RANKS—GREAT MAJORITY ENROLLED FOR LOVE OF NATION AND RIGHT.

Under the headlines "Heroic Neutrals," "American Volunteers," the Petit Parisien printed on November 1, All Saints' Day, the day the French people think of their dead and visit their tombs, the following eloquent tribute to

American fighters for France, written by Gaston Riou, a well known author, whose "Journal of a French Soldier" has been one of the few really successful pieces of literature produced since the war begun.

By Gaston Riou.

There are nearly 300 citizens of the United States in the French army. More than 100 have been wounded and twenty-five have been killed. May a personal friend of several of them be allowed to present this company of brave men to France?

Some—very few—have volunteered from love of war; for example, this youth of 17, already wearing a stripe, who confessed to a comrade, "I love fighting, I love to make a charge, but what a bore the trenches are!" Others perhaps a dozen, have welcomed a chance for adventures and have taken service, far less to defend a cause than to escape from a peaceful, gray, monotonous existence, too shut off into divisions by laws and customs.

But the great majority of these Americans, and it is their glory as much as ours, have enrolled themselves under our flag from love of France and right.

I have before me a pile of letters that prove it. Those who wrote them, legionaries or aviators, sleep now on the Marne, in Artois, in Alsace, among our own dead. Witnesses who fight till they are killed may be believed.

Almost all belong to the intellectual class. The father of Chapman, who died for France at the age of 26, is one of the first writers of his country, and his great-grandfather signed the famous Declaration of Rights which founded the American republic. Kenneth Weeks, who died at 26, on June 16, 1915, at Givenchy, is the author of "Five Impractical Plays," "Science, Sentiments and Senses," works of art and Philosophy which give the promise of a master thinker.

PRINCE OF RICH FAMILY

Norman Prince belonged to one of the richest and most esteemed families of Boston. Alan Seeger, dead on July 4 at Belloy-en-Santerre, wrote some of the finest verse that the war has inspired. As for Kiffin Rockwell, that great soldier, whose loss his chief of escadrille announced with the words, "The bravest and best of us is no more," he descended from

ancient Anglo-Norman stock, the famous Baron de Rocheville companion of William the Conqueror, being his direct ancestor.

REFINED AND LOVED LIFE.

All these young men, the elite of America's elite, were refined and loved life. They believed that the splendor of life was to struggle for justice and right. Sons of Washington and Lincoln, they had the cult of democracy. They were modern in every acceptance of the term, hating violence and revering the dignity of man and of peoples. Above all they were men of conscience, of pure and strong characters.

An American who knows men said to me: "Chapman and Kiffin Rockwell are two of the noblest types of men I have met in my life." And such is the phalanx whose love we have won, love, body and soul, love to death.

Kiffin Rockwell wrote to his brother who had been wounded: "If France should be conquered I would rather die!" Why this sacred enthusiasm among citizens of a foreign nation? Rockwell often said: "I am paying for La Fayette and Rochambeau." But the reason for their sacrifice is more profound.

These young Americans gave themselves to France on August 4, 1914, because France was in their eyes a knight, the knight of the highest human ideal that has illumined the earth. So when a terrible horde loosened itself upon her they crossed the ocean as for a crusade. They were no swashbucklers dreaming only of wounds and bruises. No! They were free and peaceful men who knew the price of liberty and peace. But the Teuton swashbucklers must be muzzled. The Huns from the Spree must be beaten down to save the beauty of living for all the world!

I knew Kiffin Rockwell, tall, straight and slender, full of nerves, but with a fierce will and something of a falcon in his looks. When cured of his first wound in August, 1916, he wrote: "More than ever I want to live, but not for any egotist reason. This war has taught me many things. I want to live now to do all the good I can. But should I be killed during the war, I have no fear of death, and I feel that there can be no finer death."

After his second wound he said: "You must consider yourself as dead once you are in the war, then you accept

each day as extraordinary luck for which you should be very grateful."

He hated all advertising. "Why do they write about us," he would say almost savagely, "When we only do what our French comrades do every day as well as we do it?"

And I recall one of his favorite sayings, "The cause of France is the cause of all mankind." On September 23, when attacking alone four German avions, he was killed instantly, at 13,000 feet height, and killed by an explosive bullet, as the report of the doctor of Rodern encampment testifies. Our sons will one day meditate on these stoic lives and deaths which, testifying to the wondrous beauty of the modern rivals of Washington, will testify also to the sublimity of our cause and its more than national, its universal significance.

From the Atlanta Journal, Dec. 3, 1916.

KIFFIN ROCKWELL

SLEEPS NEAR THE UNYIELDING FORTRESS OF VERDUN, WHILE PAUL, HIS BROTHER, WHO FOUGHT WITH EQUAL BRAVERY FOR FRANCE, IS IN PARIS PREPARING FOR HIS WEDDING THIS MONTH TO AN HEIRESS.

By Jane Dixon

Kiffin is dead.

Paul is to wed an heiress.

So, Fate has rewarded these Atlanta brothers.

At the outbreak of the war they went to France—Kiffin and Paul Rockwell—to enlist in the Foreign Legion, which welcomes men of all countries.

Heroes and Black Sheep serve there. Worn and weary men strive to atone; and youth, fresh and earnest, seeks the ennoblement of adventure.

To the last belonged the Atlanta boys—Kiffin and Paul.

They left here quietly—hardly any mention being made of their departure—to fight for France. But their names have since become familiar in cable dispatches.

Here, Paul was a newspaperman; Kiffin an insurance company employe. Both were known and liked, but neither stood out from others in his profession.

The usual handful of friends knew these two brothers. That was all. But, now, each allied nation knows them, and France mourns the one who is gone.

On the plain where he fell, near Verdun, shot down by an enemy aircraft, a tablet to Kiffin Rockwell's memory will record his name and deeds.

I remember letters Paul wrote home, telling of the first hardships of drill, trench service, and, finally, of fighting.

Paul was the first to be wounded, though the injury seems to have been slight; and soon he was back with his company, picked men of the Foreign Legion who have given France good service.

In one of his letters he mentioned a striking fact.

"No man in the Legion will ever surrender," he said. "We fear the fate that would befall us among the Germans. In the Legion are some who formerly lived in Germany, but have adopted France for their mother. 'Renegades,' the Germans call them, unjustly; and word has gone about among the Kaiser's men, 'No mercy for the legionnaires.' So, with us the rule is, 'fight to the end.' "

The Legion was pushed forward into dangerous places, and Paul was injured again. This time he was sent back to Paris, and mended slowly. So serious was the impairment of his health, from the fresh wounds, that he was given an extended furlough.

Meanwhile, Kiffin was transferred from the Foreign Legion to the aviation corps made up of American recruits, with Lieutenant William Thaw as second in command.

Kiffin sprang at once into prominence. Cable dispatches, time after time, mentioned "Rockwell, of Atlanta," distinguished for daring aviation service.

He became sergeant, was decorated for bravery, and was urged for a commission.

I think it became a habit with Atlanta people, reading war dispatches, to look for the name Rockwell, and, perhaps, the habit was national; for this American youth, fighting so bravely for France, was an adventurous, captivating figure.

There was something dashing, brilliant, about him, that evoked applause. And interest wasn't lacking in Paul, the other brother, unfitted by injuries to turn to active service.

These two boys who had been small wage-earners here brought Atlanta into the war news. They gave this city a place in items of human interest sent by cable from the front and displayed on front pages.

AND, FINALLY, ONE WAS THE CENTER OF A TRAGIC ANNOUNCEMENT. IT WAS A SUNDAY MORNING, TWO MONTHS AGO, WHEN THE WORD CAME, AND THE PAPER WAS BULKY WITH ODDS AND ENDS.

BUT IN THAT MISCELLANY WAS ONE THING WHICH STOPPED AND HELD ATTENTION. BLACK TYPE SEEMED TO STAND OUT AND INDELIBLY IMPRESS ITS MESSAGE:

"KIFFIN ROCKWELL SLAIN IN FRANCE. SHOT DOWN BY AN ENEMY AEROPLANE."

I read the story on a street car; and, while I had known neither of the Rockwell brothers, it seemed to me as it did to most other Atlanta people, a tragic message of almost personal interest.

It was brief, lacking in details. But the story of a gallant death.

Kiffin fell at Verdun, just where he had brought down his first German aeroplane. He had risen to take observations to guide the French troops and French gunners, and, as he was aloft, he sighted a German flyer taking a look from the clouds at the French positions.

Since his admission to the American aviation corps of the French army, this Atlanta lad had been one of the most daring members of that gallant body of men. One German aviator after another had fallen at Rockwell's hand, until his list of victories had won him rank of sergeant and put him in line for promotion to lieutenant.

Now, he attacked the enemy bravely, sweeping by and giving the German a broadside. They maneuvered, there in the clouds, specks above the two great armies contending for Verdun.

Old is the story now of air battles, but always new.

At the edge of the heavens the bird men meet, grapple thousands of feet above mother earth, until one gets home a missile of lead and the other falls, his machine turning over and over, a thing of life turned into a helpless mass of wood and steel; and the aviator is found, broken and inert, beneath the wreckage.

So, they found Kiffin Rockwell, dead near the unyielding fortress where so many thousands have met death; there

they buried him, this Atlanta boy who played so gallant a part in the great war; and all the allied nations knew and mourned his death.

Only the other day the Ex-Minister of war Millerand mentioned Kiffin's name among Americans who have given France heroic service; and urged that his deeds be enshrined in the memory of the French nation.

So Kiffin steps out of the picture—a gallant figure.

But now the name Rockwell is mentioned again, briefly, happily. Two paragraphs tell the story:

"PARIS.—Paul A. Rockwell, of Atlanta, Ga., will be married in December to Marie Françoise Jeanne Leygues, daughter of Georges Leygues, president of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies. Rockwell is a brother of Kiffin Rockwell, the American aviator, killed in September. The brothers came to France at the beginning of the war and enlisted in the Foreign Legion. Paul was retired because of injuries received in the trenches, while Kiffin was transferred to the aviation corps.

"Following the wedding, the couple will go on a honeymoon to Spain and northern Africa, and will return to live in Paris. Paul's fiancée will inherit the bulk of a large fortune left to her father by Hippolyte Alfred Chauchard Pounder, of the Louvre department store. Paul is twenty-seven years old."



Letters from a Brother With the Allies

EDITOR—The following has been received from California Alpha.

DEAR BROTHER:

I am sending you copies of correspondence received by Brother John Benton from Brother C. Lewis Robertson. Brother Robertson was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon by Georgia Alpha, later affiliating with California Alpha in 1915. During his Freshman year at Georgia he was prominent in dramatic, track, oratorical, and Y. M. C. A. activities.

In the spring of this year Lewis enlisted in the 12th Canadian Machine Gun Company, passing over to England in June and to France in August.

Since arriving at the front Brother Benton has received a card and a letter from Lewis, which will undoubtedly be of interest to Sigma Phi Epsilons.

The card was as follows:

12th Can. M. G. Co.,
care A. P. O. London.
Front—Sept. 12th, 1916.

DEAR OLD JOHN:

I drop you just a line while we are in "rest camp" behind the lines. We are supposed to do about six days "in" six days "out"—we do about sixteen in and get out when we can. We have a little "Hell" all our own over here, these days—With best of luck to you, Fraternally,

LEWIS R.

The letter which passed the censor without being deleted was as follows; and reached Brother Benton Dec. 1st:

France, Oct. 30, '16.

DEAR OLD JOHN:

I have managed to get a few English stamps and have

had a couple of days rest—so, I can drop you a few lines. Old man, you don't know how lucky you are to be in sunny California, instead of crawling or standing knee deep in mud here in this Hell hole of a front. Weather conditions are holding up the British advance and we are pounding away at each other day and night with only minor changes in the front line, but with a list of killed and wounded that is impossible to imagine.

My section of the company was in the firing line for seven straight days and nights last time—in the mud and rain, no place to sleep, not able to light a fire to make anything hot to eat, and Fritz popping over “whiz-bangs,” high explosives, machine gun fire, and anything he happened to take a notion, all day and night. During the seven days, we supported three attacks by our troops and helped to repulse two German counter attacks, by aiding in the barrage (curtain of fire) created by our mach. guns. Only day before yesterday, I lost two friends who came to this company from my old battalion at the same time I did. One was a special chum—a dandy little chap, but such was fate. There is many a good man lying unburied here. There is one place I have passed on the way in and out, where the stench is terrible. More than once I stumbled and fell over the bodies in the dark. The other night I fell right over some poor chap on the road. A wagon had stopped and I went to go around it to get ahead, when I fell over the body and the load of ammunition I was packing went into a shell hole by the side of the road. I fished out the boxes of ammunition. The driver of the wagon and I pulled the body into the shell hole and we both went on up the road. I say *road*, but the ground and road for a few miles behind the lines are literally “peppered” with shell holes. Its impossible to imagine the conditions. Its not a wonder that

so many are killed, but the surprising part to me is—that any of us are left to tell the tale.

Well, John, I have enjoyed your letters—write often—I write when I get a chance. Every time I look at my ring I think of you and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Luck to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

C. L. R.

12th Can. M. G. Company.

Brother Benton has also received two or three other very interesting letters but at the present writing is unable to locate them.

Sincerely and fraternally,

GEO. G. MITCHLL.



Sigma Phi Epsilon and 1916 Football

A review of the 1916 football season finds Sigma Phi Epsilon unusually well represented, with eight Captains and between sixty and seventy men of Varsity calibre distributed throughout almost every section of the country.

Starting in the Northwest there is Captain Bangs, Washington State, unanimous choice for All Northwestern half-back; in the Missouri Valley, Ed Kositky, Nebraska, made guard on the All Missouri Valley eleven; in the Rocky Mountain Conference, Allsworth, Denver University was chosen guard on the Rocky Mountain eleven although the lightest guard in the Conference, in the South Captain Vowell of Tennessee, that 190 pound end, and Robinson, Alabama Polytechnic, center and Captain-elect, both made the All Southern team. In the Southwest, Pledge Campbell left tackle on the Arkansas "Razorbacks" will probably make the All Southwestern eleven.

In the Middle West there is Captain Johnny Maulbetsch, Michigan an All American half for 1914 and one of the greatest players the game has ever known. Grantland Rice the famous New York football critic said on the day of Maulbetsch's last Varsity game, "Maulbetsch has played his last Varsity game and with him passes one of the greatest half backs the game has ever known. He represents that old style of plunging, boring, mole-like, half backs, a type which is rapidly disappearing from the game, but which is a requisite of every team." Rehor, guard, Michigan is one of the heaviest and probably the most active man of his size in the game to day. At Cornell, Ryerson and Eilenberger the ends, and Inscho, sub-fullback were Sigma Phi Epsilon representatives, and at Dartmouth Bevan and Eastman; at

Minnesota, Anderson; Michigan, Dabelich; Colorado University, Greig, W. Adams and V. Adams; West Virginia, Henrie, Brooks, Vierheller, Coach McIntyre; Ohio Northern, Brook, Captain, Honsinger, Grove; Randolph Macon, Woodfin, Wray; Georgia Tech, Guill; Delaware State, Weldin, Stewart, Carter, Smith, McCorkindale, Lambert; Lehigh, Anderson; Norwich, Boewe Captain; Baker, W. Scott, E. Jordan; Ohio Wesleyan, Bell; Iowa State College, Fuchs; William and Mary, Wilson, Captain, Sommers, Maddox, Reid; Washington State, Stites, Leidl, Hamilton, Coach Deitz; Denver University, Captain Bingham, Weinberg, Peck, M. Bunger, Mahannah, F. Bunger, Preston; Iowa Wesleyan, Captain Ballew, Kepler and Kemble.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON IS VICTOR IN ANNUAL CINDER-PATH MEET

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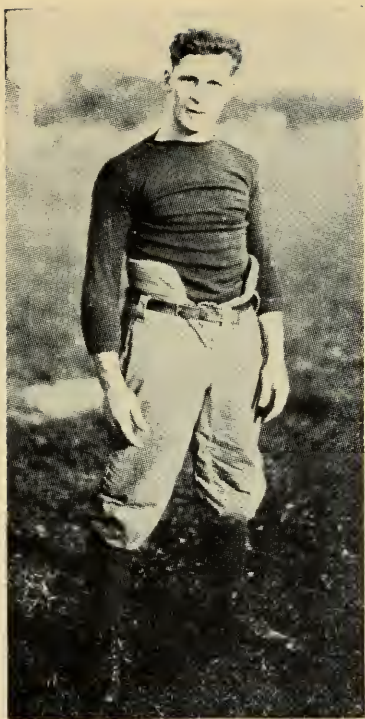
Sigma Phi Epsilon took first place in the Interfraternity track meet held on California Oval yesterday afternoon. Competing against 300 men from twenty different houses, the winners took a total of twenty-six points.

Delta Sigma Phi took second place, scoring seventeen points while Alpha Delta Phi ran a close third with sixteen points.

NEWS NOTE

Excerpt from a letter from Nebraska Alpha, November 23rd:

"In an unofficial report from the Registrars Office, we were told that we headed the list of Greek Letter Fraternities in scholarship after the mid-semester examination, a fact of which we are very proud, having finished in the seventeenth place last semester."



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Michigan



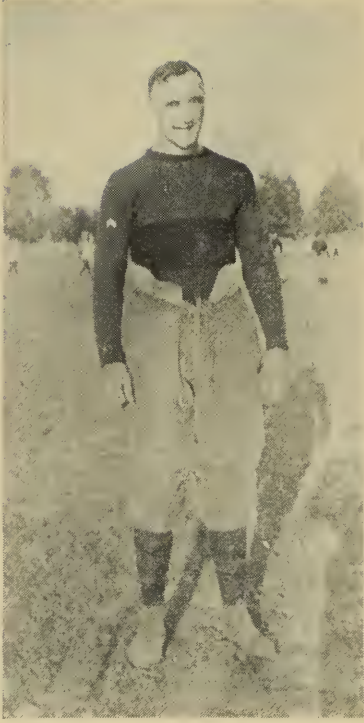
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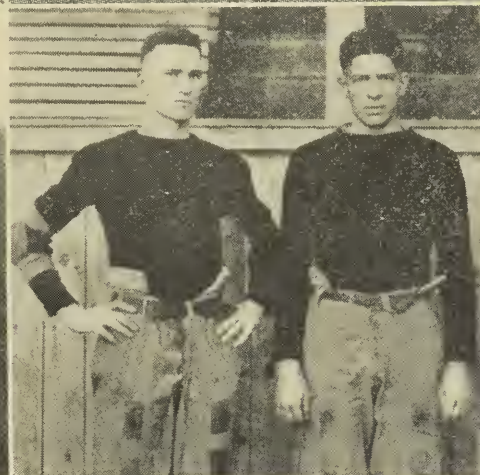
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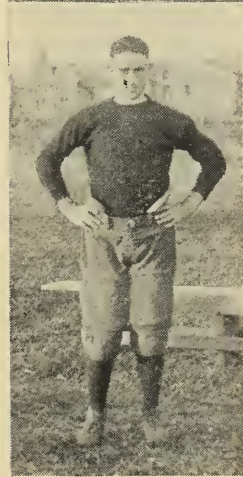
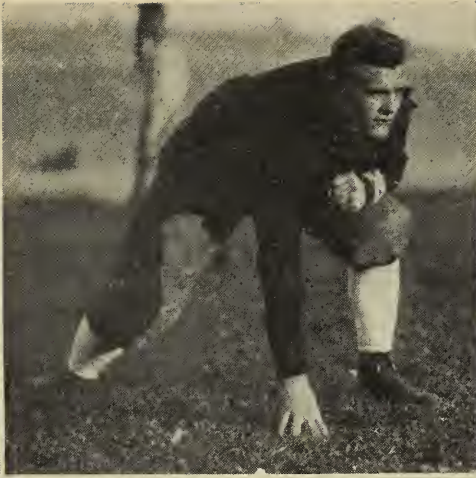


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L. Scott Baker

Wray Ran.-Macon
Stites Wash. State
Kearns West Va.

Shoulders Tenn
Bell Ohio Wes.
Anderson Minn.

Coach Dietz Wash. S.
Kositsky Nebraska
Stewart Delaware



Ryerson	Cornell
Hamilton	McCorkindale
Wash. State	Delaware



Carter Delaware
Robinson Ala. Poly.
Campbell Arkansas

Spurrier Ohio Wes.
Lambert Delaware
Leidl Wash. State



F. Bunger Denver
Coach Fike Denver
Kyster Iowa Wes.

Allsworth Denver
Weinberg Denver
Snider Iowa Wes.

Davis Iowa Wis.
Weldin Delaware
Peck Denver

Preston Denver
Smith Delaware
Wm. Bunger Denver

Editorials

Future Plans

A change of editorship customarily calls for an expression from the new Editor regarding the policy he intends to pursue relative to future publications and while perhaps it is only right and proper that some manifestation or utterance should be forth coming, yet in editing a publication with so limited a field as a Greek Letter Fraternity Journal, one cannot elaborate to any great extent.

The Journal has for the past twelve years followed pretty much the style of the first number published but with a constant improvement in form. The youth of the Fraternity has in a measure curtailed the publication by virtue of the fact that the field from which material must come has been of necessity limited.

Fraternity magazines are as a rule not the most interesting reading which finds its way among college men, and are apt to be lain aside in lieu of something more spicy and newsy. A long array of Chapter letters with the time worn "We wish to extend greetings" introductory overture, or a long list of "exchanges" together with some long essay on "Lepidoptera," do not inspire a fraternity man, and while there is more or less of interest in these items to a large number of men yet if a sprinkling of something can be added which will catch the eye of the less interested it will go a long way toward claiming that lagging interest.

Fraternity publications have had practically the same road to travel as have college sheets and should show that same evolution. Student publications which at one time appeared every month now are issued daily or weekly. Instead of containing the prize essay or short story fresh from the English department they now relate matters of interest to the student; what the football team is doing, something about a proposed change in the college curriculum,

new apparatus for the laboratories, a recent endowment, a new play to be produced by the dramatic club, the schedule of grades for the past semester just issued from the Registrars office, the appearance of some old "Grad" on the campus, or the President's attitude in regard to some college problem.

Not that Fraternity magazines should occur more frequently but that they should contain more matter of human interest is the idea which the Editor is endeavoring to convey in this discussion as to the future policy of the Journal. The only requests are those of co-operation and response, that the gathering of material be facilitated.

Chapter Letters

So much has been written and so well written about the subject of chapter letter writing that the Editor instead of digging up a lot of phases denouncing the lax methods of chapter historians desire merely to reprint this most excellent editorial from the Delta Upsilon (*Quarterly*).

"We are writing on an old subject here, but Chapter editors change every year and it may be that a few hints as to what their duties are will improve the letters for the next issue of the *Quarterly*. Few Chapter editors realize how important the work is. They should remember that in many cases the Chapter letter is the only means the alumni have for keeping in touch with events at college and that in still more cases it furnishes the only information about classmates and other friends back in college days. The Chapter letter is, as well, about the only way Chapters, outside of those few located close enough together for personal acquaintance, have of judging each other. Unfortunately, though a large percentage of the Chapter editors seem to feel that "it really doesn't amount to much, but it will look rather bad for the Chapter if I don't write

something," some of them do not think it worth while to send anything in at all. * * *

It ought to be unnecessary to use any system for forcing the Chapter editors to write a letter. He ought to be so proud of and so loyal to his Chapter that he will want to write the best letter he is able to write."

The above is an exact duplicate of conditions as they exist with the publication of the *Journal*.

Marriage and Engagement Announcements

A great many communications intended for publication contain announcements of engagements. It is the desire of the Editor in the future to devote a special column to this form of news but when such forms as these come in, viz.: "Bud Smith was hooked up for life the other night and a l the fellows are glad" or "Shorty Brown lost his heart to a 'Jane' down at Chicago last summer and is to be married June 25th, ——," well it is beyond the Editor to guess the ladies' names.

Just a word from some active or alumni member to a subscriber to the *Journal* might go a long way towards inducing that individual to subscribe. The *Journal* list of alumni subscriber is indeed a thing of brevity and there is a vast field for a stray word relative to the above.

The Grand Secretary's office will have the minutes of the Conclave ready for distribution about January 10th.

WANTED, A Sigma Phi Epsilon Brother, who is a first-class Stenographer, competent and willing to do lots of hard work. Excellent salary and permanent position. Will be located in State of New York. Write W. L. PHILLIPS, 1105 Va. Railway & Power Bldg., Richmond, Va.

Chapter Letters

VIRGINIA ALPHA

RICHMOND COLLEGE

Since our last letter the Ninth Grand Chapter Conclave has been held here in Richmond and we enjoyed our share greatly. We wish to congratulate our sister chapters on the fact that a representative from every chapter was present; as it was the first Conclave in which every chapter was duly represented.

We wish to apologize to several of the brothers, including Brother Jeffers of Rhode Island Alpha and Brother Morton of California Alpha, and several others for having such attractive girls in Richmond. We assure them that it is not our fault; they just grew here, but we hope that they will be the means of bringing many of our brothers back to visit us. We think that all good brothers should be reminded of the fact that the Jefferson Hotel contains two great rooms, their numbers are 458 and 593. For information concerning these rooms see Brother Kersting of West Virginia Beta in regard to 458 and Brother Kennedy of Virginia Eta for 593. In 458 there was founded a new organization, namely, Chips and Bones; regarding the Chips Brother Kersting is the Past Master with Brother Graff of Nebraska Alpha assisting, while Brother Smith of Colorado Beta elucidates the mysteries of the Bones. Thomas Moore was slaughtered by Brother Kennedy of Virginia Eta with assistance. There was a terrific battle but Brother Kennedy at no time lacked aid.

We were glad to have Brother Kersting out to one of our regular chapter meetings; he gave us some very good advice. Brother Morton, after a visit to some of the northern chapters, returned and was present at a regular meeting and he made an excellent talk to the chapter. In fact,

Virginia Alpha feels immeasurably helped by the visiting brothers, many new ideas were given to us and we expect to continue to profit by them. We consider it an especial privilege to have had the Conclave here, and it has given us the spirit to do still greater things for Sigma Phi Epsilon. From our point of view we consider the Conclave a grand success, but the praise if any is due, goes to our alumni in the city of Richmond, an excellent bunch of men, which any chapter would be glad to call their alumni. In fact, we are in a particularly fortunate position in having these loyal Sigma Phi Epsilons here near us. Brothers "Chick" Woodward and Frank Louthan were especially energetic and their efforts were unceasing.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large, Brother Robert Broaddus Gayle who has been initiated since our last letter. Our rushing season was a success, and we have pledged five men. The night of Jan. 15, 1917, has been set for our annual initiation. Elaborate plans are being laid; beginning with a dance in a house just off the campus which we hope in the near future will be our home as we already have obtained an option thereon. After the dance the initiations will begin and continue until breakfast. All brothers who chance to be in or near the metropolis of our beloved Southland are extended a cordial invitation to join us in leading girls to the swing of music in the early hours of the night and last, but not least, in leading the pledges into the fold. We assure all who come a good time and the privilege of meeting some more of Richmond's beauties.

J. C. Fields,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
VIRGINIA ALPHA.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA UNIVERSITY OF W. VA.

The approach of the New Year finds West Virginia Beta deeply absorbed in college work. Mid-semester reports

have just been sent out, and they indicate that Sigma Phi Epsilon will rank very high in the contest for the interfraternity scholarship cup.

We can look with gratification upon the new men whom we have admitted to the fraternity. All of them are doing good work and they promise to bring great credit to the us..

There is a lull in our usually strenuous life at present. We have just closed a wonderful football season. Brothers Brooks and Henrie have been awarded the Varsity "W. V." Both of these men are highly pleased with the great hospitality shown to them during visits to various colleges, with the football team. Brother Henrie has been unanimously chosen as all-state guard. Brother Kearns has played a brilliant game in the reserve backfield. Brother M. M. McIntyre, '06, was head of the coaching staff, and as the record will show, his efforts were crowned with success.

We are now busily engaged in preparing for the basketball season. Brothers Kersting, Kearns, Boreman, Kaltenbach, and Laas are all trying for the team, and we may rest assured that Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented.

Interfraternity activities are beginning to attract attention also. Brother Bennett, who has been elected Captain of our bowling team, is confident of winning the cup in the bowling league. Social activities are now beginning to assume a lively aspect. The program of interfraternity events has been arranged. The first of these, a Pan-Hellenic Smoker, will be held in the near future. By this plan the fraternities hope to become better acquainted and to develop a more genial fellowship.

Brother Kersting, our Conclave delegate, has brought home glowing reports of the wonderful hospitality of Virginia Alpha, and of the many features about Richmond. He also said that the group of brothers he met while there are second

to none, and we can easily believe this when we hear his many stories. West Virginia Beta, now at the beginning of this new administration of the Grand Chapter, is determined more than ever to do her utmost to advance the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In closing West Virginia Beta extends to all her sister chapters, and to each individual brother, her best wishes for a pleasant holiday season, and a prosperous New Year.

A. W. Laas,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

COLORADO ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Colorado Alpha wishes to extend to all the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon the best wishes for a happy Christmas season and a most prosperous New Year. We are prospering so far this year in spite of the heavy liability of our new home. Our financial soundness is due to the conscientious support of the active men, all of whom are back of the proposition and pushing hard. We have twenty men in the house, both rooming and at the table, and only a few rooming out when they might be in. As a consequence the bunch is solid and working together as a unit. We are all getting behind a dinner dance now for the Christmas celebration, and are expecting a few of the alumni to turn up and discover there still is a chapter at the University.

Individually the bunch are all doing as much as they possibly can for the activities in school. Brothers Grieg, Wilbur Adams and Victor Adams have been in every game of football, excepting where injuries prevented. We are building up a team that will run true to form in a year or so and hope then to occupy our customary place in the Conference—first place. Vic has been playing center. Will a tackle and Grieg a guard—and all have two more years to play. Our new coach, Bob Evans, is instilling good spirit

in the boys. Brothers Woolley, Brown and Burlingame were recently initiated into the national engineering fraternity, Sigma Tau, and Brothers Zimmerman, Hanning and Fisher into Phi Alpha Delta, the national law fraternity. Brother Wilbur Adams as head of the Junior Class will lead the grand march at the Junior Prom, and Brother Woolley is busily planning for the Engineers Ball. The tickets are all sold, and as Chairman of the committee he is a very popular man these days. Brother Thomas is on the Prom committee, and will lead a large delegation from the house to that function.

Our usual pledge "hop" was voted quite a success by the guests, and especially by those poor victims of the tub for who for good or insufficient reason failed to have dates on time. Dances here are immensely popular and every college dance sees a bunch of disappointed boys without tickets though often supplied with dates.

Our new men are all up in their studies and we expect to initiate them all at the beginning of the second semester. That has been the stumbling block for several years, as the courses here are pretty stiff, and the new men have to dig to make good. We have some good material among them and expect to see them take a prominent place in university activities when they get solid with the Faculty and have some spare time.

Wishing all the brothers a pleasant vacation, we remain,
A. H. Warner, Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

COLORADO ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is just experiencing the results of a successful social season. The football season always brings a large number of visiting brothers to Pennsylvania, and the numerous teas and dances have proved to be very beneficial

by keeping us in touch with many alumni and brothers from other chapters.

The new house brings with it many new and unexpected pleasures. The tea held immediately after the game with Penn State, proved a huge success. Altho no visiting brothers were present, it was the first time that the alumni and the active brothers had a chance to join in a wonderful celebration over the new house.

This tea was followed shortly after by the Hallowe'en party. Thru the efforts of Brother Sistare and his Social Committee, the house took on a very spooky appearance. Dimmed lights, bewitching decorations, mysterious and puzzling games, together with dancing and a dainty lunch, known as "eats," occupied our time until the hour of twelve called all the witches back to their dens and the good people turned to their beds for a few hours sleep.

The Dartmouth game offered another opportunity for entertainment and a tea was given after this game also. This time we enjoyed the company of several visiting brothers from New Hampshire Alpha. The tea was followed by a dance, after which a light lunch was served.

The crowning event of the social season was held on Thanksgiving day. Dinner was served to seventy-five brothers and guests. In the afternoon we all went to see the biggest game of the year, that with Cornell. After the game we returned to the house for our tea and dance. Here we met the largest gathering of brothers which has attended any event for some time. We were glad to welcome Brothers Ryerson, Ilenberger and Inscho of New York Beta, who are all playing on the Cornell team. Besides these, a large delegation of that chapter was here for the game. Several brothers also stopped over in Philadelphia on their way home from the Conclave. Among these were: Brothers Scott and Graff of Nebraska Alpha, McFall of Ohio Gamma,

Turner of Washington Alpha, Morton of California Alpha, Davis of Vermont Alpha, Royce of Indiana Alpha, Eckberg of New York Alpha, and Hicks of New York Beta. There were also many alumni present including Brother Harrocks of Massachusetts Alpha and Brother Bacon of New Hampshire Alpha.

It was a pleasure to extend a welcome hand to all these brothers and the house was open wide to them. We appreciated their visit very much and extended them a hearty invitation to call at 3909 whenever they are in this vicinity.

The active brothers are busy with campus activities. Brother Littleton, Arts '16, and Law, '19, has been elected to the Sharswood Law Club and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He is kept busy with his law cases, but finds enough time to be with us for a few hours every day.

Bill Sistare is traveling about the country with the musical club; has been elected to the Mask and Wig Undergraduate Club, and is a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra Committee. Brother Reed is a member of the Junior Week Committee, and is hustling for ads for the class record. Brother Riling has been elected to the Phi Kappa Beta Junior Society, and together with Brother Chiquoine, served on the Junior Ball Committee. Brother Potter has been elected Circulation Manager of the Red and Blue, which added to his Punch Bowl work, makes him one of the busiest men in the house. Brother Fischer is Dental Captain of the Y. M. C. A. Finance Committee. Brother Lautz is also roaming the country with the Musical Clubs.

With a hearty invitation to all to visit 3909 and wishing all our sister chapters a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we are,

Carl F. Keiser,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally yours,
PENNA. DELTA.

VIRGINIA DELTA COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Football season and the Conclave are things of the past, while now before us loom basket ball and the Christmas holidays.

We of Virginia Delta are happy from the memories of the past, for from the glowing accounts of the brothers who attended the Conclave it was the best ever. Then our football season was the best William and Mary has had in many years. On the Varsity, Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented by the following Brothers, Captain Wilson, center; Sommers and Maddox, ends and Reid, tackle. On the scrub team were Brothers Tuck and Cato.

Virginia Delta wishes to take this opportunity to introduce to the fraternity the following brothers:

Initiated Nov. 16:

Harry Christlief Sommers, '19, Bloxon, Va.

Initiated Nov. 24th:

William Walker Cato, '20, Emporia, Va.

Brother Sommers who was last year in the Academy is rated as one of the best athletes and students in college.

Brother Cato has quite a reputation as an athlete being a three letter man at Emporia High School. He has also been elected Vice-president of the Freshman class.

Virginia Delta's activities have not been solely along athletic lines. Brother Mapp has written a poem which has been published in our literary magazine and which has been pronounced as one of the best written by a student here for a long time.

On December 5th we celebrated the 140th anniversary of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, and we are proud to be able to say one of our Brothers was elected to membership. He is Brother G. L. H. Johnson, '08.

Brother Johnson is considered one of the foremost educators in the state and is well known in educational circles

thruout the South. He is an ex-Grand Historian of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We are glad to be able to acknowledge the visit of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Brothers Phillips and Wingett.

Brother Bristow has also made us several short visits while in Williamsburg on business.

We extend to all our sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon the heartiest of Yuletide greetings, and wishes for the best of success in the New Year.

Robert A. Reid, II,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
VIRGINIA DELTA.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA N. C. A. & M. COLLEGE

Two months have passed since our last letter to the Journal. The rushing season had just begun when our last letter was written, as a consequence we had no definite knowledge about any individual freshmen, however we were well satisfied with the general appearance of what looked to be fraternity material. Several smokers have been held in the chapter room since September, and each has been attended by a large number of proposed members; but as we are stern believers in quality rather than quantity, quite a number of names have been eliminated until at present there remains only about ten from which to choose the "sterling." If nothing unforeseen prevents we expect to initiate at least four men. Although this number may seem very small to many of our sister chapters, it is more than the average number taken in by fraternities at this institution. The initiation exercises are held in February, thus leaving us a short time in which to complete our "rushing program."

During the past term we have received visits from the

following Brothers: P. N. Howard, H. E. Winston, R. W. Giles, L. M. Phelps, F. F. Turner, and L. C. Hand.

Several brothers went home for Thanksgiving, whereas several out of town brothers came to Raleigh to spend the day. Among the latter were: H. E. Winston, R. N. High, F. Kramer, P. N. Howard and R. W. Giles.

Unfortunately we are not represented in football this year, however we will have two men to represent us in baseball. Brother Johnson will guard the initial sack for the second successive year, and Brother Artz, while not a direct participant, is honored with the Managership of the 1917 team.

We have two men taking an active part in military affairs—Brothers Hodges and Cooper, the former is one of the eight Captains while the latter is a First Lieutenant.

Besides being represented in the activities mentioned, another activity has been entered into by one of our men, namely, that of stockjudging. Brother Johnson has served on two such teams that were sent out by the college to do judging at county fairs.

Brothers Hodges and Cooper were elected delegate and alternate respectively, to the Conclave at Richmond. Brother Hodges reports as having had a great time, and expressed his appreciation of the hospitality accorded him while there.

N. C. Beta congratulates all brothers who were elected to positions in the Grand Chapter and we wish each of them success in performance of their respective duties.

In conclusion, N. C. Beta extends to all sister chapters the very best wishes for a pleasant Christmas vacation and a New Year full of success,

J. Gatling,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

OHIO ALPHA

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

Ohio Alpha is now well along in what will apparently be a most prosperous year and in greeting, for the second time, her sister chapters she trusts all are in a position to bear the same testimony.

Brothers Leslie M. Brooks, who captained the eleven, Frank T. Honsinger, and Gerald N. Grove well represented Sigma Phi Epsilon on the gridiron this fall and each has been awarded the coveted "N." The season was not as successful as predicted but the Sigma Phi Epsilons did their part nobly. Brooks' playing was characterized by that same grit and generalship which caused him to be chosen pilot of the team. He was a consistent line plunger and a hard tackler. Honsinger made one of the years spectacular plays when in the Wittenberg game, which Northern won 25 to 0, he intercepted a forward pass in midfield and ran 50 yards for a touchdown. He then kicked his own goal. Brother Grove was well deserving of his letter for he has worked for three years for a place on the team.

Brothers Brooks, Wilson and Rudolph are candidates for Varsity basket ball.

Turning to other University activities, Brothers Mercer and Freeman, representing the Franklin Literary Society, were victorious in the inter-society debate and are candidates for Varsity debate teams. Brother Bartlette is also out for a position on a Varsity team. Brother Imbody is busy editing the 1916 "Northern" and Brothers Brooks, Shepherd, and Dormand are on his staff of associate editors.

On Tuesday evening, October 31st, Ohio Alpha held her annual Hallowe'en party which proved to be a most successful event. The electrical engineering students specially wired the house for the occasion making the decoration effects most pleasing.

During the Presidential campaign we entertained the

following prominent men at our home: Postmaster General Burleson, U. S. Senator Robert S. Owen of Oklahoma and Henry B. Allen the Kansas editor.

Brothers Joseph H. Hill, '16, F. G. Barnett, '16, R. S. McKee, '16, L. H. Gardner, '16, R. W. Bricker, '14, E. W. Neimeyer, ex-'17, and E. F. Boyle, '16, have visited us since the publication of the last Journal. All are prosperous.

In closing Ohio Alpha extends holiday greetings to all sister chapters.

Charles C. Garside,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
OHIO ALPHA.

INDIANA ALPHA

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter, the brothers and pledges have become accustomed to the daily routine of work and are looking to the Christmas holidays, a few weeks away. We have during the last three months pledged three new men whom we think will be strong Sigma Phi Epsilons. They are: D. E. Whitson, M. E., '20, H. H. Crowe, Ag., '20, and E. N. Harper, Phar., '20.

On the evening of October 18th, a farewell smoker was held in honor of Brother Harris who left the University to accept a position in Cuba with the United Fruit Company. The brothers all wished him success in his new work and expressed their esteem for our departing brother, who, although he has been with us less than a year, has shown himself to be very loyal and a hard worker for Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Harris is acting as Superintendent of Railways for this company and from his recent letters likes his work very much.

The members of Indiana Alpha were very glad to meet Brother Ehmann of Penn'a. Epsilon, who came around to the house to see us recently. Brother Ehmann is engineer for the Indiana Lighting Company, and is now located in

Lafayette. Brother Burke of Ohio Gamma paid us a visit on October 23rd and inspected the plans for our new chapter house.

During Homecoming, many of our alumni returned for the Purdue-Indiana game in the evening attended our first Annual Homecoming Banquet, which was held in the Fowler Hotel.

On Oct. 31, we initiated a brother whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Sanford A. Campbell, '19, Agriculture, Valparaiso, Ind.

On the same date, we initiated for our newly installed Minnesota Alpha Chapter H. C. Crimm, '17. Brother Crimm is now attending the University of Illinois and will re-enter the University of Minnesota at the beginning of the second semester.

Now that the football season is over, several of the brothers are out for basket ball and track. Brother Zigler, '18, won his numeral in football, having played on the class and All Star teams. Pledges Wyckoff, '20, and Crowe, '20, also will receive numerals in football. Brothers Barnaby, Kirkpatrick and Stidham are on the Varsity basket ball squad. Pledges Davis and Dannattell are out for track.

In the first concert of the year given by the Glee Club at Peru, Ind., Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented by Brothers Owen, Stidham and Sproat and Pledge Davis.

On returning from the Conclave, Brothers Plummer of Virginia Eta and Hartell of Minnesota Alpha, visited us. All the fellows were glad to see them and to hear what they had to say about the Conclave.

Work on our home is progressing rapidly and unless held up by some unforeseen delay, the house should be ready for occupancy in February. Plans for our house opening are under way and we hope that there will be many visiting brothers to help make it a success.

Brother Royce has just returned from the Conclave with enthusiastic reports concerning it and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Indiana Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a most pleasant Xmas recess and much success for the New Year.

C. C. Wilhelm,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
INDIANA ALPHA.

NEW YORK ALPHA

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The brothers of New York Alpha extend to all chapters most cordial greetings of the holiday season. Now for a couple of weeks of rest from our labors and for the good times that our vacation will yield us.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large thirteen members-to-be of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Every man of them is worthy and has shown himself to be of the right kind of stuff. They are to be initiated in February, and are as follows: George T. Oakley, '19, Engineering, Trenton, N. J.; Winfred Merriam, '19, Law, Westminster, Mass.; Howard C. Hoople, '20, Agriculture, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Andrew W. Steinhope, '20, Liberal Arts, Greenfield, Mass.; Olaf C. Anderson, '20, Forestry, Middleport, N. Y.; Harry W. Jurewicz, '20, Liberal Arts, Chicago, Ill.; Carl Willman, '20, Liberal Arts, Northfield, Mass.; Joseph N. Peck, '20, Law, Lima, N. Y.; Howard W. Register, '20, Forestry, Meriden, Conn.; Joseph Conderman, '20, Forestry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leon Myers, '20, Forestry, Norwood, N. Y.; S. C. Hobart, '20, Liberal Arts, Syracuse, N. Y.; A. Morrow, '20, Forestry, Troy, N. Y.

Our members of the Freshman class are already commencing to make themselves known on the hill. Pledges Hoople and Conderman played at regular places on the first year football team while Register, Steinhope and Anderson were on the squad. Steinhope has been appointed a member of the Freshman Executive Committee.

Brothers Lee Henry and Joe Guard were initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon, the honorary journalistic society, on November 28.

Brother Edwin J. Nelson is out after the job of advertising manager of The Daily Orange. Ed is a hustler and is bound to make good.

Brothers Coon, Merriam and Rogers have been selected as members of the University chorus. Brother Rogers was recently elected assistant business manager of the organization.

Brothers Jack Kolbe, Russ Guard, Griffin and Scobell are out for the editorial staff of The Onondagan.

On November 3rd we held a joint smoker with the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the affair was much enjoyed by the fellows. A mock trial was one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

Everybody in the chapter took a hand in the annual football game on election day, November 7, between the upperclassmen and underclassmen of the chapter. The game was played in the big Archbold Stadium early in the morning. The underclassmen were victorious by a score of 27 to 0.

A large number of the brothers of New York Beta came up from Cornell to see the Varsity-Pitt game here on October 21st. To return the compliment Brothers Bill Jordan, Gyp Hoople, Ken Cookingham, Swede Eckburg, Ruby Coon and Jack Kolbe went over to Ithaca November 11th to see the Michigan-Cornell game.

A number of alumni were back for the Colgate game on November 18th. Among them were Pinkie Brown, '16, John Long, '14, Spike Bentley, '15, Bill Gilmore, '12, and Harold Douglass, '16.

The fellows have been going it rather strong socially during the past month or so. Our Freshmen party was held

at Snell's Academy November 7th. On November 24th we had the members of the Alpha Phi sorority, who live next door, over for a dance. On Thanksgiving Day we entertained a large number of lady friends at a dance and dinner at the house.

The big surprise of the year came on Sunday, November 26th, when Brother Gordon D. Hoople announced his engagement to Miss Marie R. Wood. Brother Hoople graduated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1915, and is now a sophomore in the College of Medicine. His intended is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. "Gymp" was president of the chapter for two years, and there is not a better known or better liked New York Alpha man. He has the heartiest congratulations of all.

Swede Eckburg went down to Richmond to represent New York Alpha at the fraternity Conclave. He says he was entertained right while he was there, and that the Virginia Alpha brothers are the kind he likes to meet.

In closing New York Alpha extends best wishes to all chapters of the fraternity.

Joseph A. Guard,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

NEW YORK ALPHA.

VIRGINIA EPSILON WASHINGTON & LEE UNIV

Virginia Epsilon would be indeed ungrateful if she did not mention first of all the Ninth Grand Chapter Conclave, at Richmond. Five representatives are delighted to say that no three days have ever been spent more pleasantly; due to the fact that each and every brother of Richmond did his best to make them feel at home.

The sorrow of leaving Richmond was lessened somewhat by having Brother "Red-Top" Kersting of West Virginia

Beta and room No. 458 to return with us to the Thanksgiving dances at Washington & Lee and V. M. I.

Brother Paul Ayres Rockwell, at present on the front, has kept actively in touch with his chapter through correspondence. He has sent Virginia Epsilon two photographs of our late brother, Kiffin Yates Rockwell, killed near Paris on Sept. 23, 1916. Brother Rockwell is indeed a most loyal alumnus.

We, of Virginia Epsilon, wish to announce to Sigma Phi Epsilon at large, the initiation on Dec. 5th of

Lawrence DeWoody Lyle, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Virginia Epsilon has at present three alumni brothers on the border. They are Brothers F. F. Malloy of Asheville, N. C., B. P. Pettus of Chase City, Virginia, and R. S. Rhodes of Dayton, Virginia.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to any brother who might visit our University, and in closing wish all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

T. M. Stubbs,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA ZETA RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

The first term is rapidly coming to an end, examinations are sweeping down upon us, and thoughts of Christmas holidays are filling our minds. We have had a very successful term. There has been something doing every day since September and every man in the chapter feels that Virginia Zeta is progressing rapidly.

We were very fortunate this year in having the Grand Chapter Conclave so near us—only fifteen miles away. It was great and every man who attended reported the time of his life.

Since our last letter we have not been idle in rushing, and

have succeeded in landing four of the best goats on the Campus. We feel sure that these men will prove worthy wearers of the heart. We introduce to the fraternity at large, initiated Oct. 7th.:

Millard Fillmore Parker, Jr., A. B., 1917, Port Norfolk, Va.

Andrew Edward Brewer, A. B., 1920, Richmond, Va.

Robert Earnest Garland, A. B., 1920, Farmville, Va.

Initiated Dec. 3rd.:

Leroy Lee Sawyer, Jr., A. B., 1919, Norfolk, Va.

We were paid short visits during the past month by Brothers Brown, Pope, Long, Reid, Wilson, Tucker, Maddox, Nash, Summers, and Bland. Virginia Zeta enjoyed each of these brother's visit and is always glad to have a brother "drop in" when in Ashland. Our door is ever open.

We were represented on the Varsity squad in football by Brothers Woodfin and Wray. Brother Woodfin is also the mainstay of our pitching staff.

Basketball has just begun and Brothers Coe, Rorer, Brown and Richardson are out for the team. Brother Brittingham, who was Captain of the team, and Brother Finney, who played a star game at forward last year, did not return to college this year. However, we feel that we will be well represented in this sport.

The elections in the Literary Societies gave us Brother Rorer as President of Franklin Society and Brother Coe as Secretary of the same. In the Washington Society we have Brother Bowman as Secretary. Brother Bowman is also the Business Manager of the Yellow Jacket Annual. Virginia Zeta is proud to say that she has furnished four out of the last five men to fill this important position.

While we have taken interest in everything pertaining to college life this year, we have made rapid strides along the social line. Every Thursday night, the chapter house is thrown open to every man in college and, of course, nothing

could be enjoyed without the ladies, so it is a hard matter to get a "date" for Thursday night now in Ashland. They are all headed for the Sigma Phi Epsilon House. Then, too, we have had several good all Sigma Phi Epsilon parties. On December 8, we have our annual "Oyster Roast." This is always one of the biggest of events for Virginia Zeta and brothers come from all over the State to make merry with us. We hope to make the "Roast" this year the best ever and extend to every brother a hearty invitation to attend.

In closing, Virginia Zeta wishes all brothers a joyous Christmas and a successful year for 1917.

G. V. Wray,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA ZETA.

GEORGIA ALPHA GA. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Many of the older men as well as the Freshmen are now counting the days until the Christmas holidays begin and are looking forward to relaxation from work, and the pleasure of spending a few days with the folks at home.

And not forgetful of our brothers, we of Georgia Alpha open our last letter for the year 1916 by wishing to each and every brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon a most joyous Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Georgia Alpha and Georgia Tech. are almost at the close of one of the most successful years in the history of each.

Tech has again finished her football season undefeated, giving us once more the undisputed championship of the South, and has exhibited such high class playing as to have our team ranked by leading authorities among the first teams of the country. Playing on this team and making his letter, Sigma Phi Epsilon has Brother Guill as a representative. Though Brother Guill is the smallest and lightest man on the team he has shown excellent form both at full-back and at quarter and we expect great things of "Shorty"

next year. On the Scrub squad we were represented by Brother Lovell.

Since our last letter Georgia Alpha has taken in five new brothers and we wish to hereby introduce to the Fraternity at large:

Initiated October 6th.

Jack Dorsey Coleman, E. E., '19, Dade City, Fla.

William Nolan Murrah, C. E., '20, Columbus, Ga.

Thomas Gardner, M. E., '17, Atlanta, Ga.

and on October 27th.

Robert Parks Williams, Com., '20, Leesburg, Fla.

Fred Hubert Brewster, Com., '20, Cedartown, Ga.

We also have two very promising pledges whom we expect to take in just after the Christmas holidays and hope to be able to introduce them to you in our next letter.

On Friday night, November 3rd, we held our Founder's Day Banquet at the Hotel Ansley and had a most enjoyable time. Practically every active member was present and a goodly number of local Alumni. Brother Willis Milner, Jr. acted as toastmaster.

The chapter gave quite a successful house dance to the college set on the night of November 11th. We are hoping to give another informal dance this month.

Since our last letter Georgia Alpha has been at work and has added the following additional honors to those heretofore mentioned: Brother Span Milner has made the Dramatic Club; Brother Hall, the Skull and Key; Brother Guill, the Cotillion Club; Brothers Williams, Roberts and Jack Merriam, the Glee Club; Brother McDaniel, the Mandolin Club; and Brothers McDaniel and Vaughan, the Blue Print Staff. Brother Harris was elected secretary and treasurer of the Cotillion Club, Brother Turner, secretary of the Civil Society, and Brother Asbury, Assistant Cheer Leader.

We have had a number of visits lately from some of the old boys. Among these have been Brothers Tomlinson, Treadway, Willis Milner, Dick Whitner, Welborn Hope, Malone, Rahner, "Spooky" Jones, Tommy Jones, "Smoozy" Smith, De Armona, and Francis. We are hoping that Brother Francis will be back with us next term. We are always glad to have alumni and visiting brothers come out to the house to see us.

Again wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year and extending to each of you a cordial invitation to make our house your stopping place when in Atlanta, we remain,

Jas. W. Vaughan, Jr.,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

GEORGIA ALPHA.

DELAWARE ALPHA DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

Delaware Alpha desires at this time to send greetings to all sister chapters.

Delaware has just finished a strenuous football season, and we are proud to announce that three brothers earned their letters, Brothers Weldin, Stewart and Carter, while three others Brothers Smith, McCorkindale and Lambert, were Varsity subs.

In literary activities new honors have come to us thru Brothers Bowen and Truss. The former has been elected Business Manger of the "Review," and the latter, his assistant. Brother Stayton has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Arts and Science Club and Assistant Manager of the College Mandolin Club.

The Ninth Annual Dance of Delaware Alpha will be held on January fifth. This promises to be one of the biggest social events of the college year. A cordial invitation is extended to all brothers.

Basketball candidates have been called out for practise. We will have a large representation, this year, in Brothers Weldin, C. R. Smith, Bowen, Pierson, Carter, McCorkindale, Lambert, and Truss. Four of these men have very good chances of making the Varsity squad.

Delaware Alpha is very proud of her scholastic standing this year. Of the fifteen Sophomores and Freshmen only four had flunks in the mid-term report last month. These four men had only one flunk each.

We have six initiates whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large. Initiated October 4, 1916:

F. Bayard Carter, '20, A. & S., Wilmington, Del.

J. Mulford Swing, A. & S., Ridgely, Md.

Wm. J. McCorkindale, '20, Ag., Wilmington, Del.

Draper Smith, '20, Ch. E., Wilmington, Del.

Chas. V. Cleaver, '20, Ag., Elsmere, Del.

Initiated October 25, 1916:

Samuel T. Lambert, '20, Ag., Riverside, N. J.

Paul Kite, '20, Ch. E., Wilmington, Del.

Since the term started we have been visited by many of our alumni among whom were, Brothers Buck, '16, Haley, '16, Martin, '16, Brayshaw, '16, Groff, '16, Torbert, '15, Wm. Francis, '07, Weaver, '15, Groves, '14, Randall Carswell, '13, and Mulholland, '16. We are always glad to receive visits from our alumni and brothers.

With the best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we are,

L. B. Stayton,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

DELAWARE ALPHA.

VIRGINIA ETA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

This writing finds Virginia Eta busy with her scholastic work. The regular fall examinations are too close to be

comfortable and every brother is working overtime in order to get ready for them. The bright feature, however, about them is the short vacation for the Christmas holidays which immediately follows and which is pleasantly looked forward to by us all.

In addition to the four fine goats mentioned in our last letter, we initiated Oct. 18th the following:

William Mathew Picton, '20, Rockport, Texas.

Walton Clinton, '20, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Benjamin Thomas Parks, Jr., '18, Onley, Va.

George Pate McGregor, '22, Laurinburg, N. C.

Of these, Brother "Pict" is a representative of the baseball world, having been Captain of his Texan High School nine. He will be right on hand when practice is called in the spring. Brother Clinton, and Brother Parks will enter the ranks of our social bugs; and Brother McGregor, last but not the least by any means, comes to us from Citadel of South Carolina, and although sickness prevented him from going out for football this year, he will be among the first to report on the gridiron next fall.

We are on the point of getting several more good men and the prospects of realizing our ambition of having a strong chapter of twenty-five or thirty is very bright indeed.

In addition to the part our "goats" are taking in the activities about the University, the old men are doing their part. At this time some of their names may be found on the tryout list for the Glee Club, others for track and various other activities.

Our delegate, Brother Jack Kennedy, has returned from the Conclave and has told us commendatory tales about the entertainment tendered to the representatives of the chapters. A number of our men attended the ball and now they see what they missed by not being present at the whole convention. We wish to congratulate Virginia Alpha

and the Richmond Alumni Chapter for having carried through so successful a Conclave. And though it may seem that we are looking far into the future, we have several men who contend that they will attend the next Conclave, two years hence.

We had the great pleasure of having Brothers Plummer and Hartle drop by to see us a few hours between trains on their return to Minneapolis and we regret that other delegates and visiting brothers to the Conclave did not pay us a visit while in this locality.

We hope that each and every brother will enjoy a Merry Christmas and that the year 1917 may be one of extreme happiness and prosperity to all.

W. M. Bennett, Jr.,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
VIRGINIA ETA.

ARKANSAS ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

As this letter is written an extraordinary buoyancy and a beaming cheerfulness sway the souls of all appreciative Americans, expressive of heart-felt thanks for the blessings of tranquil peace and surpassing prosperity. None share more deeply these emotions of gratitude than Arkansas Alpha, and she wishes for her sister chapters the fullest enjoyment of their Thanksgiving turkey. But Mr. Gbler will hardly have reached his haven of glory before "the old clock on the stairs" begins ticking the last series of moments in the life of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen. With the advent of hoary December our hearts begin to palpitate with regret for the passing of the old year, mingled with fond hope and joy for the coming of the new. We long for the Christmas holidays that bring relief from the weariness of constant study. And as we wait with anxious hearts for the arrival of Saint Nicholas and the ringing of New Year bells, Arkan-

sas Alpha desires to send her Christmas and New Year greetings to all brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

As related in our last letter we began this year with an unusually small band; but nevertheless with a bright outlook, because there was plenty of good fraternity material interspersed among the Freshmen. Working with true earnestness of purpose, we have been rewarded with an enviable success in our recruiting campaign. We have already pledged ten new men who are endowed with all the qualities of mind and body which characterizes the genuine fraternity man. These men are all endowed with loyal, impassioned interest in our local affairs, and manifest an eagerness for the arrival of the day when they may pass through the sacred portals of the fraternity. Two of our pledges have fulfilled the requirements of the college for initiation into a fraternity, whom we shall invest with the mysteries and rites of the Brotherhood about December 5th. We shall introduce them to the fraternity at large in our next letter. We now take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, initiated November 27, 1916.

Paul C. Hamilton, '18, E. E., Hartford, Ark.

Arkansas Razorbacks close a very strenuous season Thanksgiving day with a game against Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Memphis. Of eight games played, Arkansas has won five, a fairly good record, we think, if the weights of the teams, against whom the Razorbacks were pitted, are considered. Pledge Campbell, whose picture appears in this issue of the Journal, as stellar left tackle has creditably and nobly represented us on the Razorback squad. His prowess is shown by the fact that he is being boosted in football circles as a candidate for All-Southwestern tackle. We shall be represented in the class games, which will be played during the first week of December, by Pledges Dorr and Bradsher and Brother

Vinson. Although we cannot boast of the quantity of our athletes this season, we certainly can boast of the quality.

In social affairs we have not been somnolent. At all the social functions of the various organizations of the University, we have been creditably represented. Every Wednesday and Sunday evening the fellows bring their girls to dinner, which are occasions of intense enjoyment. But the event which afforded ecstasies of pleasure and delight was the spook party, on Halloween night. With a wave of his magic wand, All Saint cast a mystic spell or incantation, over Number 2, Mount Nord Ave., and transformed all Sigma Phi Epsilons into weird ghosts. At exactly eleven o'clock, these dreadful spectres sallied forth on their midnight errand of ghostly revelry. Going first to the home of the weird sisters, each ghost became the escort of an awful witch. Thence they directed their steps to the summit of East Mountain, where under the mystic charm of mellow, gleaming stars, they lighted a bon fire and roasted marshmallows. These with "Viennas" formed a savory feast, which was partaken with merriment and hilarity, enveloped in the strange charms of a Halloween mid-night.

Brother Sid Benton has gone to Richmond this week to represent our chapter in the Conclave. On a card that we received from him to-day he says that the meeting is well attended, and that the air is brisk and vibrant with Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit. These are indeed good tidings.

Now, we bring this letter to a close, wishing our sister chapters a merry Christmas vacation and a happy New Year. May the bells of 1917 chime a song of continued success to all Sigma Phi Epsilons.

Clyde Vinson,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
ARKANSAS ALPHA.

PENNA. EPSILON

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

After an enjoyable Thanksgiving recess we are back again for just a short time before the Christmas holidays and the New Year.

On October 19, the following were initiated:

Eustace Eggie, Che. E., '20, Plainfield, N. J.

William Franklin Nickum, E. E., '18, Allentown, Pa.

Ralph Roth Wentz, El. Met., '20, Allentown, Pa.

Brother Purple was successful in the fall tennis tournament and is now the University champion.

Brother Barclay has been elected Captain of the soccer team. Brothers Barclay and Benscoter are playing in the University band. Brother Thomas has reported for basketball and we think that he will be one of the regulars this year. Brother Gilman was a member of the cross country team which took second place in the Middle States Intercollegiate championship. Brother Ludlow is a candidate for Assistant Manager of wrestling.

We had a very successful house party the week end of the Penn. State-Lehigh game.

Brother Johnson distinguished himself in the Lehigh-Lafayette football game which is our biggest game of the year. He broke thru the line, blocked a kick, recovered the ball, and went 20 yards for a touchdown. He is sure of his letter in football. After the Lafayette game we held a pig roast in the chapter house. The feast which was served will long be remembered by those who were present and was a fitting close of a perfect day.

We have been delighted to have visit us Brothers Phillips, Virginia Alpha; Baker, Ohio Alpha; Kendall, Virginia Epsilon; Baldwin, Buchanan, Cooper, Dunstan, Hogan, Luders, Seacreat, White and Wiley of our own chapter.

Wishing all of our brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we remain,

R. W. Ludlow,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

OHIO GAMMA

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio Gamma has had a most successful year so far. Everything that we have planned has materialized, and of course we hope to be able to say the same at the end of this college year. Socially, we have progressed quite well, having an informal dance in honor of our alumni, who coming back home, had the most enjoyable pleasure of seeing Ohio State's triumph over Wisconsin by the score of 14 to 13.

Initiation having been held November 24 for three men whom we wish to introduce to the Fraternity:

K. Brice Wiggins, '18, New Guilford, Ohio.

Reno V. Jones, '19, Niles, Ohio.

Edwin F. Theobald, '18, Columbus, Ohio.

Of course our sister chapters are all aware of States great triumph in the Western Conference this year. We feel quite proud of our football team even though we have no representative on it, and we surely hope to win the championship next year.

Basket ball has just started here, we having won one game by the score of 54 to 12.

In closing we wish to impress on all our brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon that the Ohio Gamma house is always open to you when you are passing this way and we insist that you make it your stopping place while here.

Ernest O. Smith,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

OHIO GAMMA.

VERMONT ALPHA

NORWICH UNIVERSITY

After an autumn of unusual activity Vermont Alpha sends greetings to its sister chapters. Now that the football season has closed we are looking eagerly forward to the Christmas holidays.

The warriors of the gridiron were followed with especial enthusiasm this season and inasmuch as we were victorious in our big game, against the University of Vermont, we consider that Norwich has waged football very successfully. Vermont Alpha was represented most creditably. Brother Boewe made a singularly able Captain and Brothers Suter and Hewitt as Manager and Assistant Manager respectively, attended to the making and carrying out of the schedule with exceptional business sagacity. Brother Cedar came out near the end of the season, and because of his unconquerable pugnacity, easily earned a place on the team. It may be of interest to note that Brother Boewe has been re-elected Captain and under his leadership the prospects are brilliant for still greater success next year.

The claiming season extended much longer than in previous years. This was of great advantage to us inasmuch as it gave us a chance to closely observe the incoming class before placing the coveted pledge pin. While, as is our policy, we extended but few bids, three Sophomores and nine Freshmen are pledged and these we believe will be found worthy of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Brother Davis has just returned from the Conclave with many glowing reports.

In closing, Vermont Alpha extends heartfelt wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years, to all Sigma Phi Epsilons.

R. A. Smith,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VERMONT ALPHA.

ALABAMA ALPHA ALABAMA POLY. INSTITUTE

When our last chapter letter was written the college session was just beginning. The end of the first term is now drawing near. We are able to look back over this period with much satisfaction. Our chapter is prospering and the new men we have chosen have proved themselves worthy of the fraternity. They have become thoroughly imbued with the spirit and have taken upon their shoulders part of the burden laid down by our brothers who left us last spring. Financially we are possibly in better condition than we have ever been before. Our hopes for a new chapter house at an early date are very much alive.

In our last letter we enumerated some of our activities in college life. We might further add that Brother Stewart is again holding down his place on the cadet band, while Brother McKay was appointed drum-major. The football season is now over. We are indeed proud of the performance of Brother Robinson at center for the Varsity. His brilliant and consistent work have earned for him a place on the mythical All-Southern eleven. He has been elected Captain of the Varsity team for next season. He has also been elected coach of the Senior Class team.

We were indeed sorry to have three of our brothers leave us recently. On account of illness, Brothers Shinn, Thompson and McKay have been forced to withdraw from college, temporarily, we hope. We expect Brother McKay back after Christmas.

We were glad to have with us recently as a visitor Brother Hinkle of Indiana Alpha. We enjoyed his brief stay with us and would be delighted to receive another call from him should he be in these parts again in the future. We are always glad to see any brother from another chapter.

The chapter delegate, Brother C. S. Warren, was the only one of us who attended the Conclave at Richmond.

He was delighted at the reception tendered him, and at becoming acquainted with the representatives of so many chapters in all parts of the country. He was charmed with the historic old city of Richmond and its people, and remembers his few days there as among his most pleasant recollections.

In conclusion, we extend to all our chapters best wishes for a merry Christmas.

C. S. Warren,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

ALABAMA ALPHA.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA TRINITY COLLEGE

Again North Carolina Gamma wishes to express most hearty greetings. Since our last letter things have been in quite a turmoil here. Rushing season has been at its height, but at last we are glad to report that things are over and that Sigma Phi Epsilon came out as usual on top of the band wagon. We have pledged seven of the best men in the Freshman class. We lost only one.

Our delegate to the Conclave has told us some very wonderful things concerning the brothers of the other chapters that he met while there. Brother E. C. Newell dropped by for a few days on his way home from the Conclave. With him was Mr. H. P. Pitts, who was a pledge, not having been taken in on account of being forced to withdraw from college. We were also very glad to receive a visit from Brother J. I. Tomlin, who has been in Philadelphia for the past eight months.

We recently have had a letter from one of our brothers on the border, Lieutenant Frank L. St. John, Company M, Third Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, stationed at El Paso, Texas, in which he says that he hopes to be with us very soon and that Sigma Phi Epsilon is maintaining the

same high standing that it did when he was an active member here.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity, initiated Dec. 11th:

Brother Henry Yates Edgerton, '19, Kenly, N. C.

North Carolina Gamma wishes every Sigma Phi Epsilon a most pleasant Christmas and a very happy New Year.

J. W. Sauls,

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Perhaps it would be well to start off with greetings, but to tell the truth New Hampshire Alpha, as we write, is in no condition to greet anybody—not even another turkey dinner. The college not only gave us Thanksgiving off, but even extended the recess until Monday morning, with the result that New Hampshire Alpha is now in the painful and confused process of mobilization—the individual as well as the chapter. However, we've been through this periodic maneuver before, and realize the good effect it has on the social side of fraternity life.

Brother "Hunk" Stillman is on his way back from the Conclave at Richmond, Va., where he set out for over a week ago. We certainly look forward to his return, for this year he represents that personal touch which we have with every other chapter for a few short days biennially. Here's hoping he'll survive the bombardment of questions that he'll have to answer. "Hunk" will certainly have the floor.

Brothers "Chet" and "Woody" Hulbert have just arrived from a ten days trip with the Soccer team. We understand that they both played very brilliant games, and Brother "Chet" was acting Captain for part of the time. They have become fervent rooters for the hospitality of Pennsylvania Delta which they enjoyed on their visit to the University.

We had a very successful little party at our reception to

our old and new faculty members. Brother "Dick" Deane was present as an Assistant Professor of Latin, while Brother "Al" Norton represented the German Department. All told we had five "Profs" present, with a full attendance of the active chapter helping to consume the refreshments.

Brother Shackford has recently been elected Secretary of the local Phi Beta Kappa chapter, and Pledges Earle, "Al" Stillman, Bowerman and Haas are heeling for a position on the "Dartmouth" Board. Pledges Lawson and Bowerman intend to help publish the "Freshman Green Book," and are working to make that intention come through.

In cross-country we have been represented by Pledge McGoughran who has been awarded his numerals for exceptional showing on the Freshman team. Pledge Earle has also earned his numerals as a result of his clever playing as right tackle when the Freshman football team met Dean. Earle is very promising material for the Varsity next year.

Brothers "Ben" Eastman and Bevan have done excellent work on the Varsity football team this year, and they both played in many of the important games of the season. Without a doubt Brother Bevan will be back next year as a first-string man. His work this year will easily qualify him to hold down a place on the first eleven.

Our Winter can hardly be said to have begun as far as snow is concerned, but skis and snowshoes are ready in the corner just waiting for the weather man. Arrangements are now being made for the big social event of the season—the Dartmouth Winter Carnival. It looks as if our good Canadian friends from McGill would not be able to send representatives to the snow meet this year. Our ski jump has been graded still steeper, and we hope they can try it out with us.

Regardless of our chapter's present condition physically,

we are unanimous in wishing all Sigma Phi Epsilon's a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

John E. McDonough,

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

D. C. ALPHA

GEO. WASHINGTON UNIV.

At the present time the topic of the greatest interest to the fraternity at large is the recent Conclave. D. C. Alpha was represented by Brother De Aguero, Brother Starr and alumni Brothers Kruger and Creekmore were also in attendance. In connection with the Conclave D. C. Alpha received brief visits from the following brothers: J. W. McFall Ohio Gamma, H. L. Royce Indiana Alpha, J. H. Kemble Iowa Alpha, J. J. Warren Alabama Alpha, M. B. Smith Colorado Beta, F. J. Knauss Colorado Alpha, H. A. Cooper Penn. Epsilon, H. G. Maas Michigan Alpha, H. W. Hartle Minnesota Alpha, B. B. Hickenlooper Iowa Beta, J. H. Bush Colorado Gamma and W. J. Plummer, an alumnus of this chapter. It was a great pleasure to us to have an opportunity of seeing so many of the brothers. In this connection we would call attention to the fact that the 4th of March will soon be here. Many Sigma Phi Epsilons should be in the city at that time. Let them remember that the place for all brothers is the chapter house at 1628 K Street.

Since our last letter to the fraternity we have initiated ten men. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following brothers, initiated November 18, 1916:

Raymond Harsch, '19, Eng., Washington, D. C.

Roy O. Garver, '19, Arts., Decatur, Ill.

William M. Smith, Jr., '20, Arts., Washington, D. C.

Arthur J. Townsend, '19, Arts, Bainbridge, Ga.

Lewis S. Trundle, '20, Arts, Washington, D. C.

Charles M. Funkhouser, '19, Eng., Belle Mead, N. J.

Albert Hellmuth, '18, Science, Alexandria, Va.

J. Weston Hyde, '18, Science, Washington, D. C.

Robert H. Fravel, '19, Law., Washington, D. C.

Norman J. Stockett, '18, Science, Washington, D. C.

The football season just closing found a George Washington football team in the field for the first time since 1907. Under Brother Tully Garner's able management the team rendered a good account of itself. We feel confident that next year will find George Washington rated as one of the athletic leaders of this section.

Brother Harsch as Captain of the track team has started the aspirants training. Brothers Scott and Trundle will both probably make the team.

Brother Ed Schmitt has re-entered college and has become active again. Brother Dan Connor has recently received a commission in the U. S. cavalry. Brothers Ross Hunter and Harold Brown are still on the border with the D. C. cavalry troop.

There have been several very pleasant dances at the chapter house recently, one of the pleasing features of which was the large attendance of the Alumni.

In closing we want to emphasize our invitation to all brothers to visit us whenever possible. Nothing brings home to a brother the full significance of the fraternity like visiting other chapters. Remember the 4th of March. With best wishes for the Christmas season,

Kennard N. Ware,

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

KANSAS ALPHA

BAKER UNIVERSITY

Baker just finished a successful football season, by defeating Kansas State Normal, supposed state champions, by the decisive score of 10-0. Only eleven men were awarded letters this year. Of these eleven Sigma Phi Epsilon is

represented by W. Scott half and E. Jordan tackle. This is the fourth year "Scotty" has been awarded a letter in football, the only four year letter man on the team. Jordan played a wonderful game at tackle, earning his letter for the first time. He will bid high for a place on the all state team. Brother Lloyd Scott, manager of the team, was forced to retire from the game on account of a broken instep which he sustained early in the season. On the Freshman squad Sigma Phi Epsilon is still better represented, "Futts" Riley at center, "Deac" McDonald at tackle, "Si" Proctor at tackle and "Racehorse" Jordan at end, all playing spectacular games at their various positions. The coach is already considering these men for places on the Varsity for next year.

Besides being represented well in athletics Sigma Phi Epsilon is also represented in other activities of the University, Glee Club, literary programs, band and orchestra.

On Wednesday evening, November twenty-second, Sigma Phi Epsilon held its annual Turkey Dinner at the Bank Hotel. About forty-five of Baker's most popular coeds were present helping Sigma Phi Epsilon do justice to the turkeys.

Since our last letter the following Alumni have visited us. Bliss Wolf, W. G. Harman, Ralph Maxson, "Dar" Stoffer, Roy Russel, Arthur Nevins, Emil and Verdon Liston, Freeman Havighurst, Dr. Vernet Meuller, Lyle Armel and "Jick" Fast, who has been playing "star" football for Kansas University.

In closing Kansas Alpha sends Yuletide greetings to all her sister chapters.

E. D. Jordan,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
KANSAS ALPHA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA

California Alpha wishes to take this opportunity of extending her hearty thanks to the Richmond Alumni Association and to Virginia Alpha for the royal welcome shown our delegate and the other brothers at the Conclave just concluded.

Since our last, letter one new man has been initiated:

George Winn Boyd, '19, Education, San Jose, Calif.

This leaves us four men still pledged. "Ray" Elliott, initiated at the first of the semester, has been compelled to leave college until next year.

The present semester, which comes to a close with the beginning of final examinations on Dec. 12th, has certainly been a very busy one in every way and also a very successful one for California Alpha.

The chapter now holds the Inter-Fraternity Track Championship for this season, having won it with a score of 26 points as compared with the 17 points which the *nearest* competitor obtained. The point winners were: "Ken" Moody, '19, (Capt.) first place in the 220 and second in the 100; "Bush" Ball, '18, first place in the javelin and third in the broad jump; Harry Hopkins, '19, tied for first in the pole vault and third in the javelin; and our relay team composed of Moody, Ball, Hopkins and "Swede" Karstensen took first place in that event. Of course some of the other brothers were also entered in events, but they either did not finish or they did not place high enough to obtain any points towards winning the cup.

In the baseball series we were not so fortunate, going out on the second game by a score of 13-12; due chiefly to the fact that our newly discovered pitcher, Pledge Thomas, strained a ligament in his arm.

Brother Lawrence Wraith—although he played only

Rugby football in high school—went out for right guard on the Freshman team, determined to learn the American game. The result was that he not only “cinched” that position and won his numerals, but also was in the lineup of every game except one.

Football season now being concluded the house athletes are interested in basket ball: Brothers Beresford, Wraith, and Pledge Thomas being on the Freshman squad; and Brother Hopkins playing with the Varsity.

On the evening of November 17th, California Alpha held her Seventh Annual Banquet at Tait's Cafe in San Francisco, which was attended by the entire active chapter and many of the Alumni. As a whole, the evening was much enjoyed by all—the speeches being short but to the point, and the cuisine of the best. November 18th the chapter maintained an open house for all visitors, which is customary on the day of the big game. We were defeated by the University of Washington team, 13-3.

The next morning, a baseball game was played between the active men and the alumni—resulting in a 12-9 victory for the younger generation. At its conclusion all rivalry was put aside, and everyone had lunch at the chapter house.

One man in the chapter who certainly deserves great praise for his accomplishments in the various University activities is Orvall Caldwell. His dramatic ability is such that it appears impossible to produce a play on the campus in which he does not have the lead. Brother Caldwell's latest achievement in this line was the lead in “Pin Pricks,” this year's Junior Farce. Besides his dramatic talent and membership in the “English Club”—the campus literary and dramatic society—he is also a member of the Glee Club and of the band, the latter of which he accompanied north to the return game with U. of W. This game played Thanksgiving Day, was lost by a 14-7 score.

Brother Moody also made the trip to Washington, going with the Glee Club, and while there managed to get over to Canada for a few hours. He is still in fall training for track, and next spring will undoubtedly win his Varsity "C" in the 440. Moody has been chosen Captain of the Sophomore Track team, and was Captain of the house team in the inter-fraternity meet.

Among our social activities of the past semester were held an informal house dance in October, and a dinner on the evening of the Junior Prom. An exchange dinner was held early in November with the Delta Chi fraternity; their underclassmen coming here, and our upperclassmen going to their house. We certainly had a most enjoyable evening, both as guests and as hosts.

Wishing all wearers of the "Heart" a most prosperous 1917, and an unlimited measure of the season's holiday cheer, we are,

Geo. G. Mitchell,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska Alpha sends greetings to her sister chapters. Football is over and Nebraska is again champion of the Missouri Valley. Brother Ed. Kositsky made his "N" and was given a guard on the all Missouri Valley team. Brother Bill Kositsky was forced to quit early in the season on account of a bad shoulder. A number of the brothers placed on the class teams. Brother Pickett held down a tackle on the Sophomore team. Brothers Purney, Townsend and Pledge Wishard were in the backfield of the Junior team.

Mid-semesters are over and Nebraska Alpha feels that she stands high in scholarship. We came through without

failing an hour. But we will wait until the semester is over before we start to crow.

Brother Scott Brown heads the Junior hop committee this semester, the appointment to cheer leader has also fallen to him. Brother Thiesen managed the Freshman-Sophomore Olympics this fall. Several of the brothers were in the individual events.

Since our last letter Nebraska Alpha has pledged four top notchers; Lester Wishard, Law '18, Roy Inbody, Arts and Science, '18, Emerson Kokjer, A. and Sc. '20, and James Duncan, Medic, '19.

On November 29th the pledges gave the bunch a mighty nice dance at the chapter house.

Nebraska Alpha has been favored with visits from a number of brothers from neighboring chapters this fall. Some of the brothers from Iowa Beta attended the Nebraska-Ames game. We were also visited by a few of the brothers from Kansas Alpha during the K. U. game. We are always glad to have any of the brothers drop in on us.

In closing Nebraska Alpha extends to every chapter and every brother best wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A. Elting Bennett,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
NEBRASKA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON ALPHA WASH. STATE COLLEGE

Washington Alpha wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to extend to her sister chapters best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Washington State College has just finished a fairly successful football season, and Sigma Phi Epsilon was largely responsible for the teams success. Washington Alpha was represented on the team by brothers: Captain Bangs, "Si"

Stites, "Dutch" Leidl, and Pledge "Ham" Hamilton. Brother Carl Dietz was assistant coach.

Washington Alpha won her first game in the interfraternity basket ball league by a score of 28 to 6. We are out to win.

We held a big alumni meeting at the chapter house on November 5. This was the day after the Washington State College Annual Homecoming Day. Eight of our alumni were here, also Brother Arnold of Kansas Alpha and Brother Bryant of Ohio Alpha. It certainly did seem good to have the old boys with us again.

All the brothers got thru the mid-semester exams with good grades. We are working hard to put Washington Alpha at the top this year in grades as well as every thing else.

Brother King, as Business Manager of the college weekly, is turning out a paying paper. Brothers Turner and King have been initiated into Crimson Circle, an honorary local fraternity, and Brother Ewing into Sigma Tau.

Again wishing her sisters all the success and happiness in the world, we beg to remain,

J. N. Stone,
Historian.

Fraternally yours,
WASHINGTON ALPHA.

MASS. ALPHA

MASS. AGRI. COLLEGE

In the midst of the year's activities, Massachusetts Alpha greets her sister chapters. Well started on the season's business, we feel that if a good beginning prophecies a grand ending, this period of our growth will be a notable part of our history. New members and new circumstances have combined to brighten the future outlook.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following brothers, initiated Oct. 9th.:

Walter Irving Cross, '17, Floriculture, Hingham Center, Mass.

George Burdette Castle, '19, Animal Husbandry, Pittsfield, Mass.

Adelbert Newton, '19, Agriculture.

Initiated Oct. 23rd.:

Fred Albert Carlson, '18, Agronomy, Pittsfield, Mass.

Initiated Nov. 20th.:

Arthur Victor Petit, '18, Chemistry, Amherst, Mass.

With the close of the rushing season, we pledged eight men—all good men, already mingling in college activities.

Due to the unceasing efforts of Brother O'Heron, Massachusetts Alpha is to have a home of its own within the next year. Several feasible schemes have been worked up and so presented that immediate action on some of them is possible.

Brother Upson, as a member of the Stock-Judging Team made the trip to the National Breeder's Show at Chicago. This has been a banner season for the team. The second prize for total number of points scored fell to it at the big National Dairy Show in Springfield, Mass., while at Brockton Fair it captured first prize, leading all the New England college teams. Brother Wilber was elected Vice-president of the Roister-Doisters and has the role of Kitty in "The Arrival of Kitty," the Prom Show of this year.

The Junior Index about to be published represents in part the labors of Brothers Bill Loring, Ted Reumann and Baker. Bill is on the editorial staff, Ted is strong on the business end and Baker is swinging the art stuff. Brother Baker still pulls the pen over the paper for the Squib, the young "Life" of the Campus, and is as well on the Junior Prom Committee.

Brothers Castle, Newton and Sexton were instrumental in the Sophomore victory over the Freshmen in the annual football game. The same three brothers were also on the Soph six-man rope-pull team. Brother Chandler is vigorous-

ly heeling the editorial staff and Brother King, the business staff of the Collegian. Both are sure of election when the competition closes. King is also trying out for Assistant Manager of Varsity basketball. Brother Doug Newbold is holding his own as a female on the Junior Prom Show cast with Brother Wilber. Among the sharpshooters of the Sophomore class, Brother Duff Mattoon is doing excellent work, helping to win the annual match over the Freshmen.

On the Freshmen football team, Pledges Vigezzi and Cande starred in the backfield, well supported by Bacon, while Pledge Carlton put up a star game on the end. The Freshmen six-man-rope pull-team pulled the Sophomore team off their feet under the management of Pledge Don Smith.

Full of anticipation for what the season is bringing her, Massachusetts Alpha sends her Sister Chapters her best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Foster K. Baker,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally yours,

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

NEW YORK BETA

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Since the last issue of the Journal, which was before Cornell opened for the year 1916-1917, many changes have taken place at 112 Edgemoor Lane.

The house has been put in running order and the accustomed arduous duties connected with it taken up, and thus far those duties have been dispersed with the greatest success.

On November the eleventh, the day of the Michigan-Cornell game, New York Beta was honored with the presence of many of her old Alumni, and also a great many brothers from Syracuse and Michigan chapters, Brothers Maulbetch and Rehor being the shinning stars from the latter chapter.

We initiated on November 18th.:

Harry Brooks Hoffman, '19, Agriculture, Elmira, N. Y.

We are proud of ourselves in being able to initiate such a worthy one. As a reminder, it might be said that Brother Hoffman rowed on the winning Freshman crew at Poughkeepsie last June.

Besides Brother Hoffman, we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following new brothers, who took the long journey on the night of December 9th:

Thad L. Collum, 1920, C. E., Corsicana, Texas.

Harold Grant Davis, 1920, Chem., Plainfield, N. J.

Emmet Harry Dodge, 1920, M. E., Akron, O.

Martin Frobisher, Jr., 1920, Agr., Englewood, N. J.

Robert Halgin Greene, 1920, M. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wickham Hartzel Quinan, 1920, M. E., Manila, P. I.

In the above class of new men, we have some wonderful material, and we feel positive that it will not be long before we will hear of their achievements.

Brother "Babe" Boehm, '19, is working very strenuously in an endeavor to win out on his Masque Competition; while Brother "Dutch" Taylor is putting forth no less an effort to win out on the Minor Sports competition. Both of these men deserve a great deal of credit for they have been working hard and we sincerely hope for the best outcome in both cases.

Now that the football season is over, Brothers "Buddy" Ryerson, Jack Eilenberger, and Inscho are able to be with us a great deal more, and it is needless to say that we are glad of it. Brothers Ryerson and Eilenberger played a "wonderful game" in the Penn.-Cornell contest and beyond a doubt they will be among the chosen ones when the "C's" are awarded. Due to injuries sustained in practice, Brother Inscho was unable to make such strong strides

forward this year, but we feel certain that you shall hear more of him.

We will reserve this place to heartily thank the brothers at Penn. Delta for the most wonderful way in which they entertained us in their new home during our stay in Philadelphia at the time of the Penn-Cornell game. We only hope we might have the great pleasure of entertaining every one of you, so make a strong effort to come and see us before your four years have elapsed.

In the course of the past several weeks, we had the exceptional pleasure of being able to have with us Brother Harold W. Morton, delegate to the Conclave from California Alpha. To say that we enjoyed his visit with us would be putting it very mildly, and we only hope that many years will not go by before he again hits the "eastern trail." We were sorry that many of the other delegates from the different chapters could not have stopped off to see us.

In conclusion, New York Beta extends to all her sister chapters the best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and hopes that the legislative and administrative changes at the Richmond Conclave will prove beneficial to the fraternity.

Howard W. Hock,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
NEW YORK BETA.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA BROWN UNIVERSITY

Rhode Island Alpha has heard all about the "Ninth Biennial Conclave." That it was a great success we can not doubt. We have often heard of the warm hospitality for which the people of the "South" are famous. From all reports tradition is not to be denied, for those who directed and helped to carry out the plans of the occasion were

possessed of that true southern spirit. According to our delegate, Brother Jeffers, the most striking feature of the entire program was the cordial and warm-hearted hospitality of the brothers and friends of the Richmond chapter.

And now that the great event is passed we are to turn to the work which lies before us. Inspired by the spirit which was present at Richmond we shall attempt to do all in our power to live up to the principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Up to the present moment we have succeeded in pledging one member of the Freshman class, Lawrence B. Howell, of Morristown, N. J.

Another brother of our chapter has brought himself before the eyes of his classmates recently. Brother Lawder of the Sophomore class successfully competed in the trials for a place on the caste of the annual mid-winter farce of the "Sock and Buskin," our dramatic society at Brown. In fact he was so successful as to be given the leading part. According to favorable reports from one of the coaches he has an opportunity and the ability for a great career in dramatic work during the remaining part of his college course.

Most of our brothers are endeavoring to take part in some kind of college activity, although there are a few who prefer to spend all of their time on their studies. Pledge Vota is again practicing with the members of the wrestling squad, and in spite of stiff opposition is fairly sure to hold his position on the team.

The swimming team has been practicing now for several weeks. Brother W. C. Leonard is on the squad and is doing his best to make his position on the team secure.

Brother Hagstrom is again on the Varsity Glee Club, as is Brother Lawder.

We hear at intervals from some of our alumni brothers.

The most recent one to leave us is Brother Newton P. Leonard, '16, who is now residing in Wilmington, Delaware. He reports that he has come in touch with some Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers at Delaware State College. He appreciates, and so do we, the thoughtfulness of those men in looking him up.

Another alumnus who visited us recently is Brother Pearce, '15, who is now teaching at East Greenwich Academy in East Greenwich, R. I. There he is coming in close touch with the students, and he is doing all in his power to influence them to come to Brown.

In closing Rhode Island Alpha extends Christmas greetings to all sister chapters, and she also wishes them heartiest good will and success in the approaching New Year.

Wardwell C. Leonard,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

UNIV. OF MICHIGAN

Michigan Alpha opens, as we hope is true of all Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters, with a record breaker start.

Socially, the college year has started off in good shape with two splendid dinner dances, one for the M. A. C. game and one of course for Thanksgiving. Both of these were chaperoned by our Brother Marks and his wife of Detroit. Turkey was never better than last Thursday, but Friday classes were never worse.

In athletics we had the Varsity Captain, Maulbetsch, and that heavy guard, Rehor, to swing the largest year of Michigan's football history. Besides these, Brothers Field, O'Connor, and Gray were star players on the Fresh-Law team; Brothers Baker and Foltz, on the Senior Engineers team; Brother Richard Hardy on the Senior Lit. team, and Brother Dabelich, who "came back" after a years absence in Colorado made the Varsity Reserves.

We were also exceptionally well represented on the campus by Brothers Field, President Freshman-Law Class, member of the Varsity Band, and member of the Webster Debating Society; Sheahan, a Tau Beta Pi man; Ellison, an Alchemist; Baker on the Social Committee of the Senior Engineering Class; R. Hardy in the "All Nationalities" play, and he and his brother, Edson, each members of the Glee Club and Debating Team; Buchaagen, Chairman Invitation Committee of Senior Engineering Class; Heim, Asst. Intercollegiate Manager of Athletics, Phoenix Club, and Treasurer of Sophomore Pharmacy Class; Haas, Webster Society; Sheahan, Editor of Michigan Technic, and President of Engineering Society.

Among the Michigan men who went to Cornell to the Cornell-Michigan game were Maulbetsch, and Rehor of the Varsity team, Dabelich of the Reserves; Field of the Varsity Band; and Haas, Foltz, Parks and pledges, Winans and Decker. They all report "some time."

Our visitors for the fall games included Brothers Clearwater of N. Y. Alpha, Rothrock of Ohio Gamma, McKitterick of Ohio Gamma, and Brother Sistare of Penn. Delta. Many of our Alumni were also back, among them being Lyons, Stone, Adams, Hum, Kinch, Baker, Graham, and Ammerman.

We have with us this year three affiliates, viz: Lucien Gray from Kansas Alpha, Milton Rybolt from Indiana Alpha, and W. J. Boehm from Colorado Beta.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following brothers initiated Oct. 16th.:

Guy Frank Heim of Berion Springs, Mich., '19, P.

Frances I. Sheehan of Detroit, Mich., '18, Eng.

Initiated Nov. 8th.:

Harold Hill Parks of Lander, Wyoming, '17, Eng.

Brother Hugo Maas was elected as delegate to the Conclave with Brother O'Connor as Alternate.

And one of the things of which we are proudest is the fact that our scholarship has taken quite a jump, landing us the fourth place on the campus. Needless to say, we feel proud of this.

Wishing all our chapters the best for the rest of the year, and extending to them our usual glad welcome, we are,

E. Reed Hunt,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

IOWA ALPHA

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

To all of you we again extend our greetings and to Virginia Alpha and Richmond Alumni especially we extend our thanks for their part in the big Conclave.

As the smoke of the football season's fray clears and before pressing on into the tempting fury of the basket ball season we look backward and observe that although at times the purple and white were downed by a prevailing offensive, the boys of Iowa Wesleyan were always battling shoulder to shoulder with a will that makes it impossible for us to express our warmth for them. A quintette of these wearers of the "W" were wearers of the Heart.

Socially we have not been idle. A short time ago we gave an informal supper at the "Brazelton" for our alumni. The evening was full of good cheer and we have hopes that our alumni "dads" will band themselves into a chapter. On Thanksgiving evening at the annual formal banquet of the college most of the active chapter and a greater part of our alumni were there with broad smiles reaching 'round their high collars. Why shouldn't we have smiled? We had many things to be thankful for. We were happy that Iowa Wesleyan had chosen Brother Reemt E. Luegbers to act as dean. We held kind remembrances concerning the local oratorical contest in which Brother Havinghurst was awarded first honors, Brother Newton Moats, second

honors and Brother Edgar Carson, fourth honors. We hope to add Brother Havinghurst's name to our already illustrious list of winners in State contests. We were thankful that we had since our last letter found four new pledges—Wells Andrews, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Ralph Kinsinger, Mt. Pleasant; Ivan Maas, Kalona, Iowa, and Leon Marshall, Ollie, Iowa. Pledge Maas was our Varsity fullback, and Pledge Kinsinger played at right half.

On November 4th, 1916, we initiated the following and we desire to take this opportunity to introduce them to the fraternity:

Robert Hiram Payne, '19, Richland, Iowa.

Harold J. Jones, '19, Richland, Iowa.

Frank J. Snider, '19, Kalona, Iowa.

Guy C. Davis, '19, Fremont, Iowa.

Emmett J. Hasty, '19, Delta, Iowa.

In closing we wish to extend to our newly elected Grand officers our congratulations and best wishes. For our sister chapters we extend our wishes for a pleasant vacation and a prosperous New Year.

Newton E. Moats,

Chapter Historian.

Faternally,

IOWA ALPHA.

COLORADO BETA

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

As we approach the Christmas holiday season we feel that so far the present college year has brought much success and many enjoyable events to Colorado Beta chapter.

Most of the interest of the last few months has centered around the football eleven. The team has completed a most successful season and eight brothers have done much to place the U. of D. in the third place among six Rocky Mountain elevens. Brother Glen Bingham at left end Captained the eleven through four victories and two defeats, and proved himself to be one of the best and most popular

leaders Denver has had for several years. Brother Emerson Allsworth played a wonderful game throughout the season at left guard. His playing in the line was a feature of every contest. Although outweighed in every game in which he took part he played his opponent off his feet. He was the mainstay of Denver's line and was the unanimous choice of all the coaches and critics for the left guard position on the All Rocky Mountain eleven.

The tackle positions were well taken care of by Brothers Wienberg and Peck who played steady ball throughout the season and were outstanding stars in several contest. At right guard and center Brother Mahannah and M. Bunger respectively played a fine brand of football. In the back-field we had as our representatives, Fred Bunger at full-back and Orren Preston. The latter, known to all as "Pres," performed the most sensational feat of the year when in the game with the University of Colorado with only thirty seconds to play, he made a pretty catch of a thirty yard pass and raced over the goal line for the touchdown which brought a 7 to 0 victory to Denver.

Platt, McCarty, Mitchell and Coombs, pledges, have been among the most dependable players on the Freshman team. Thus with this array of men performing on the grid-iron we feel that in, athletics, Sigma Phi Epsilon has won her share of honors.

The basket ball season will soon be in full swing and Brothers Fred Bunger Captain, and M. Bunger, the Varsity center, look for a most successful season.

An initiation was held Monday evening, October 9th, and we wish to take this opportunity to introduce the following brothers:

Rexford E. Peck, '19, Wray, Colo.

Paul S. Hix, '19, Wray Colo.

Harry Tallehalm, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Elmer B. Svenson, '17, Denver, Colo.

J. Russell Caldwell, '18, Denver, Colo.

Another initiation will be held on December 12th, for several of the new men, among whom are E. Graves, J. Dietz, E. Trout, Platt, McCarty, Mitchell, Clevenger, Cross and Coombs.

So much of the time, up until Thanksgiving was taken up in training for football that few social functions could be given. However, on Friday evening, November 10th, a very attractive and entertaining "hard times" party was held in the chapter house. All the active members and pledges, and several alumni were present. The costumes in themselves afforded much amusement. The evening was filled with interesting games and various kinds of refreshments that the time for leaving came only too soon.

Brother Marion Smith has not yet returned from the Conclave in Richmond, but word received from him states a fine trip and the meeting of a group of fine men.

We wish to congratulate the newly elected Grand Officers, and all the others for the things accomplished at the Conclave. We also extend our appreciation to those officers who have so faithfully served us in the past.

Colorado Beta wishes all the chapters a most pleasant holiday season, a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. M. Lort,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

COLORADO BETA

TENNESSEE ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF TENN.

In the last two months we have been doing a great deal of work for ourselves and the fraternity. We also have four initiates to introduce to the fraternity, initiated Oct. 19th:

Robert H. Hogan, '19, Agri., Gallatin, Tenn.

Sam Ellis, '19, Pre. Med., Knoxville, Tenn.

Percy Kirby, '19, Law, Memphis, Tenn.

Paul Dodson, '19, Agri., Knoxville, Tenn.

These men are hard workers and their efforts are very pleasing to all of us. On the 7th of October we had a dance in the chapter house. It was an informal affair and everybody had a good time.

The University has had a most successful football season. Its team won all the games it had, with but one exception, and that game was with Kentucky State, with score of 0-0. The team won some very hard games. The greatest victory being that over Vanderbilt. At Tennessee Vanderbilt met her Waterloo, though when she came to Knoxville very proud and went out on the field it looked bad for us. The wonderful "Rabbit" Curry, Vanderbilt's far famed quarterback and broken field runner was downed in his tracks each time by Brother Graham (Little) Vowell.

Brother Graham Vowell, Tennessee's left-end, is a wonder. He is a large man, weighing 190 lbs., but gets over the ground like a cat. On the defense he has no equal. He spills the interference and then throws the runner for a loss of many yards. There was almost no gain made over his end the whole season. On the offense he hits his opponents hard, putting them out of the way of the runner. He also carries the ball better than most full-backs do, always making his distance when called upon. He is the best end in the South and one of the best in the United States. He is the unanimous choice of all critics for an end on the all-Southern team.

In closing Tennessee Alpha wishes all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

W. M. Johnson,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
TENNESSEE ALPHA.

MISSOURI ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Since by the time this letter reaches you, the Christmas season will be in full sway, Missouri Alpha extends heartfelt wishes to her sister chapters for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

After the X'mas holidays, Missouri Alpha expects to have placed Sigma Phi Epsilon on the top round of the scholastic ladder. "Get into the collar" has been her motto this semester, and she expects a rich harvest for her labor.

Brother Banks and Pledge Spurling are on the Glee Club. Brother Banks is also on the cross country team. Pledge Parker, who is instructor in boxing and wrestling in the Athletic Department, has a large class due to the fact that he is one of the boys outside of class and thoroughly business like in class. Brothers Koontz and McCargar are members of the band.

The Missouri Home-Coming Day and Founders' Day banquets were combined in order to enable the Alumni to attend the game between the Texas Longhorns and Missouri Tigers as well as the banquet. Speeches were made by the following Alumni: K. L. Banks, D. S. Libbey, A. M. Sames, Dr. W. C. Pollock, Jay Barton and W. S. Denham.

Missouri Alpha desires at this time to introduce to the fraternity at large the following men initiated Sept. 30th.:

Charles E. Netherton, '19, Clinton, Mo.

Paul J. Carney, '19, Clinton, Mo.

Robert W. Bess, '19, Hinton, West Va.

Boyd F. Brown, '19, Hinton, West Va.

David F. Banks, '19, Raines, Tenn.

David W. Robb, '19, Hopkins, Mo.

M. Moss Davis, '21, Columbia, Mo.

Many of the boys are looking forward to the battle, which is to be staged at Lawrence, Kans. on "Turkey Day," between the Missouri Tigers and the Kansas Jayhawkers.

The Kansas City Alumni Association is planning on giving a banquet after the game.

The Freshmen gave an informal dance at the Virginia Grill on November 17th., for the active members of the fraternity.

Brother E. C. Black was elected delegate to the 1916 Conclave.

If your travels carry you in the vicinity of Columbia remember there are outstretched hands and an open door to welcome you into the home of Missouri Alpha.

C. A. McCause,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

MISSOURI ALPHA.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

LAWRENCE COLLEGE

At the time our last letter was written we were in the midst of rushing season. We made good use of that time and have pledged six Freshmen and two upperclassmen. We feel that we have secured the best material in the Freshman class, and there was a wealth of material.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large initiated Nov. 6th:

W. Walker Brown, '17, Marinette, Wis.

Kenneth E. Cristy, '19, Waupaca, Wis.

Brown is Vice-president of the Y. M. C. A., President of the Senior Class, a member of Mace (a local honorary fraternity), of Tau Kappa Alpha, and is a prospective Phi Beta Kappa man.

In the glee club try-outs held last week nine Sigma Phi Epsilons (more than one third of the chapter) made the club. In the interclass oratorical contest held recently four of the ix class representatives were members of Wisconsin Alpha. The debate try-outs are to be held in the near future, and we expect to be well represented on these.

Brother Joseph Griffin of New York Alpha, who is now residing at Milwaukee, and Brother Canwright of Ohio Epsilon, who is teaching at Green Bay, have favored us with visits lately. We are always more than glad to see any of the brothers.

In closing, Wisconsin Alpha extends to all sister chapter heartiest wishes for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

R. S. Mitchell,
Historian.

Fraternally,
WISCONSIN ALPHA.

PENN'A. ETA PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

With this, our second letter of the current year, Penna. Eta wishes to extend to all her sister chapters the best wishes for a successful year in all lines. We expect great things from our chapter this year, and hope all the other chapters will have as much success as we are going to have.

Our football team finished a fairly successful season. We won all our games except the Penn game and the Pitt game. We have no men on the Varsity team this year, but look out, when next year comes. Our Freshman team won every game they played, defeating both Penn Fresh and Pitt Fresh. On this great Freshman team, Sigma Phi Epsilon is represented by three men, all of whom are pledged now. Brown, playing left guard, only missed five minutes play the whole season and this was because he was hurt in the Penn game. Smith plays left end and Jones left tackle. All three of these men should win their Freshman numerals. This gives us three good men to try for Varsity positions next year and great things are booked for them.

In track, we finished low in the intercollegiate at Harvard. Two of State's men had sore sides and one was Pledge Kaley. He was in the hospital for two weeks and came out and ran with only three days of work. His side gave out and he was unable to place. However, on Thanksgiving

day at Berwick, Kaley won the Amateur Marathon race and is now wearing a diamond pin as a result of his success.

The wrestling season has started now, and Penn State always has a "whale of a team." This year Sigma Phi Epsilon has two men who are very likely men. Brothers Shultz and Pallman are working hard and look as though they would come through, especially "Bump" Pallman in the heavy-weight class. Brother Shultz is entertaining quite a little opposition in the 158-lb. class, but if he loses—which we feel sure he will not—the man who beats him will be a corker. On the Freshman team, "Donny" McMasters seems to be our only ray of hope. He seems to be foremost man in the 115-lb. class. Brother "Deacon" Johnson is Assistant Manager of the wrestling team and we look for him to pull through and be Manager next year.

Basketball starts here on December 9, and we are going to have a first-class team. Brother McClure is an Assistant Manager and we also hope he will pull down the Basketball Managership next year. On the Freshman team, Pledge Brown, who was the best inter-scholastic guard in Philadelphia last year, is our representative.

Penn State is going to have a first-class baseball team this year. Two good pitchers and a catcher were lost last year, but Davis is going to go some this year as a pitcher. He lost his letter last year by only three innings of pitching. If he does not have too much "stuff," Brother Ruth will more than likely catch for him all year. These are our only men in Varsity baseball but in Freshman baseball, Hobaugh is going to make some one hump for catcher. He is a good player and was the life of Kittanning High School team.

In passing from athletics, let us look at our scholarship work. In our first reports, there was only one below in the two lower classes. Last year, in the 2nd semester, Delta Tau Delta won the cup and Sigma Phi Epsilon finished ninth

out of twenty-eight fraternities. We are doing our best now to win the cup this semester.

The recent Conclave must have been a great success from the report of our delegate, Brother Kammerman. Penna. Eta indeed feels proud in having one of the Grand Officers on our roll. Brother Kammerman is our new Grand Treasurer, and there never was a man in whom the interest of Sigma Phi Epsilon stood out more prominently than they do in our new Grand Treasurer. The other Grand Officers elected are all true Sigma Phi Epsilons and we know we are going to have two years of prosperity.

In the musical organizations of the college, Brothers Bright, Shultz, and Cornell are in the Glee and Mandolin Club. Brother Bright is also a fine piano player and is accompanist for the Glee Club.

On the college publications Brother Shultz is on the circulation staff of Froth while Brother Way is Advertising Manager. Brother Way is also Assistant Business Manager of Penn State Farmer; Editor-in-Chief of the Y. M. C. A. handbook and on the class "La Vie" Board.

At present, we can only accommodate twenty men in our chapter house, and we are looking around for a new home, as we have thirty-two men, including thirteem pledges and nineteen members.

In closing, Penna. Eta extends invitation to all brothers to come to see us. Wishing all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, we remain,

E. C. Cornell,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
PENN'A. ETA.

OHIO EPSILON

OHIO WESLEYAN

The echoes of the recent Conclave which we have received thru Brother Walter Van Kirk, our delegate, have been very gratifying to Ohio Epsilon. The enthusiasm which

has been brought back to us from Richmond will, we feel sure, add much to our already high interest in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

While Ohio Wesleyan did not win the Ohio championship in football she has done excellent work, having lost but one conference game during the season. It is to the credit of our team that we held Ohio State, the winner of the Western Conference championship, to a 12-0 tally and in that game Brother Hobart Bell, in his first game, carried the ball farther than any Wesleyan player. His work during the season wins for him a Varsity W. That he is only a Sophomore promises a big place for him in Ohio football. Brother Percy Spurrier played in ten quarters just falling short of the W requirement. Brother Galen Wallace worked faithfully thru the season on the second team, while an injury the first week prevented Brother Alexander Mackie from playing.

Brothers Canright and Van Patten have won Varsity letters in soccer. Brother Kenneth Wood is manager of the soccer team, which has lost but one game in four years. Out of five men on the cross country team were Brothers Mason and Luther Wallace, who ran in the Ohio Conference Cross Country Meet in Columbus three weeks ago. In basket ball we have three men who are working hard for places.

Brother De Lloyd Wood will compete in the National Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Oratorical Contest to be held in Lexington, Ky. during the Christmas recess. Several of the brothers are intending to take the trip with Brother Wood.

Our fall formal party we gave just before Thanksgiving. The house was beautifully decorated for the forty fair guests. The favors were silver vanity purses mounted with the coat-of-arms.

Brother Keppel was recently elected to membership in the Histrionic Club after two hard try-outs, and will appear in one of the parts of the play soon to be given.

As the Ohio Epsilon brothers go to their homes for the holidays they will be alert to meet any brothers from other chapters. To those we will personally extend our Christmas greetings, but to the vast numbers whom we cannot even hope to meet, we take pleasure in expressing thru the *Journal* a deep fraternal interest in the enjoyment of their holidays.

Clarence V. Cole,
Historian.

Fraternally,
OHIO EPSILON.

COLORADO GAMMA COLO. AGRI. COLLEGE

Colorado Gamma extends hearty greetings to all Sigma Phi Epsilons with best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the following brothers, initiated Nov. 25:

Lynn Warren Rader, Ag., Denver, Colo.

John Gordon Blanch, Hort., Denver, Colo.

Aubrey Torbet Bennett, Ag., Denver, Colo.

Ivan Leslie Andrews, Ag., Denver, Colo.

Bruce Byron Andrews, Ag., Denver, Colo.

James Arlen Read, Ag., Denver, Colo.

Ray Maxwell Burger, Ag., Boulder, Colo.

Charles Elmer Crane, Ag., Fort Collins, Colo.

These brothers have already shown the true Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit.

The following are our pledges: Bayard Campbell, Palisade, Colo., Everett Anderson, Denver, Colo. and Charles Branshaw, Fort Collins, Colo.

We were represented in "Battery A", Colorado National Guard by Henry Nicholls, 1st. Sgt., Bill Nye, Sgt., Herbert

Thompson, Sgt., privates Patten, Donaldson, Graham, Scott, Bush, Joy, McLaughlin, and Branshaw.

We pulled down the second consecutive Rocky Mountain championship in football this year. The following brothers held down regular positions on the team: Scott and Rothrock, halves; Nicholls and Thompson, guards, and Donaldson, substitute at quarter.

The Freshmen upheld the Sigma Phi Epsilon standard on the Freshmen football team. Those that made their sweaters were: Bruce Andrews, Captain and quarter, Aubrey Bennett, left end. Campbell, Read and Berger were on the squad.

"Sparks" Aflord, who was the cheer leader for the second consecutive year was recognized as one of the best in the conference.

With the basket ball season coming on we will be represented on the team by Brother Scott who plays a guard.

Lastly, we wish to congratulate our new officers and may their success be unlimited.

Lewis F. Schiele,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally yours,

COLORADO GAMMA.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

UNIV. OF MINNESOTA

Fourth place in scholarship for the year 1915-16 was the mark set by Minnesota Alpha for her first year in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Alpha Sigma Phi, Acacia and Delta Upsilon beat us out by a small margin.

In interfraternity athletics we are ready to get into the swim with bowling and basketball teams. Parker Anderson has just returned from a trip to Chicago as a member of the team that contributed so much to the troubles of Coach Stagg on November 25. Brother Anderson has another year left to play on the team. Brother Charles Partridge is practising every day as a member of the Varsity basketball team.

The big event in our social life so far this year has been the entertainment of Brother Ted Shawn and his wife, Ruth St. Denis, favorites of the Orpheum circuit this year. This pair of dancers is too well known to need any praise or description from us, and it is needless to say that we are for them, all the time. They were given a dinner at the chapter house on November 11, after which a theater party was held at the Orpheum. At the house Mrs. Shawn entertained some of us with imitative dances, while others of the brothers were grouped around the Misses Forman and Andrews, members of the company who were also guests. Brother Shawn gave a talk at the University a few days later and made a few unconventional and interesting remarks that made the public take notice.

Two informals have been given, one for the pledges and one for the alumni at Homecoming, November 18, both at the Woman's Club uptown. Several smokers have been given at the house, at which prospective pledges have been entertained. A "fraternity night" has been established by the chapter, which is proving entirely worth while. On every other Friday evening all the active members, pledges and alumni who are nearby, gather for a few hours after dinner and have a general discussion of all matters of interest to the fraternity, and to hear from some Alumnus. Last week, Brother Plummer of the D. C. Alpha, instructor at the University, gave a talk on his travels in Spain. The idea of fraternity night is merely good-fellowship and the bringing of the pledges into closer contact with the upper-classmen.

Among the visitors from other chapters this fall have been Brothers J. C. Griffin, N. Y. Alpha; P. M. Kroeger, Ind. Alpha; H. E. Turner, Washington Alpha; Brother Nicholson, Alabama Alpha. Among the twin city alumni who show a particular interest in us, and who are constantly

helpful are Brothers Henry Way, Willis Plummer, Win Hutchins and Jas. Burner.

Minnesota Alpha wishes to announce the following pledges: Reuben Ericksen, Academic, '20, Litchfield; Carl Ericksen, Architect, '20, Litchfield; Walter Stillwell, Chemistry, '20, Appleton; William McElligot, Academic, '20, Appleton; Edmund McElligot, Academic, '20, Appleton; Charles Netz, Pharmacy, '20, Qwattona; Charles Fisher, Engineering, '20, Winona; Donald McRae, Academic, '19, St. Paul; Edward Place, Forestry, '20, Minneapolis; Warren Hutchins, Academic, '20, Minneapolis; Arnold Hendricksen, Acad., '20, Minneapolis; Robert Clark, Acad., '20, Fergus Falls; William Quast, Chemistry, '19, Janesville; A. John Martin, Med., '21, Ripon, Wis.

Minnesota Alpha extends her best wishes to all the sister chapters for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Harold H. Lund,
Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,
MINNESOTA ALPHA.

IOWA BETA

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Now that the football season is over Iowa Beta is busily engaged in raising its scholastic standing before the basketball season has a chance to attract the attention of the chapter.

The week-end of November 19th was the Homecoming date for Iowa State College. A goodly percentage of the old "grads" were back on the campus shaking hands with their old chums and brothers. The original "Cyclone" football team was present as one of the Homecoming features. In spite of their presence the University of Iowa defeated Iowa State College, 19 to 16, in a very close game. The

brothers entertained by Iowa Beta were: C. L. Minnis, Iowa Beta, '15, and wife; C. C. Brimmer, Iowa Beta, '15 and wife; J. P. Anderson, '16; E. E. Axthelm, '16; J. A. Yungclas, '16; T. F. Matson, '16, and Harry Hough, Penn. Delta, '16. Besides these there were a number of other out of town guests. Sunday, Brother C. L. Minnis and wife, and Brother Brimmer and wife chaperoned a dinner party at the chapter house.

Brother "Abe" Brimmer was married the fifteenth of November, so stopped over for Homecoming while on his wedding trip.

Last semester Iowa Beta rose from seventh place, among the Nationals, in scholastic standing to fifth place with an average of 86.71 per cent. We believe that the end of this semester will see us advanced at least one more notch. It is an interesting fact that the average fraternity standing is above that of the non-fraternity men. Also, the men rank higher, on an average, than the women.

We are just about settled in our new house. All of our furnishings have arrived so we expect to hold a house warming in the near future.

Brother Hickenlooper, delegate from Iowa Beta, writes that there are "big doings" in Richmond at the Conclave.

Brother Thompson has been selected as representative of the Bachelor Literary Society for the annual declamatory contest.

Brother Fuchs was awarded a sweater and an "R" in football this year. Fuchs played Varsity football all year without an injury, but when he attempted a little scrimmage in the back yard with some of his brothers his ankle was accidently sprained.

Thanksgiving vacation was limited to that day only, which most of the brothers spent at the Ames-Drake game

in Des Moines. Christmas vacation begins the twentieth of December and lasts until the second of January.

Iowa Beta extends the heartiest of Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

M. R. Murray,
Chapter Historian

Fraternally,
IOWA BETA.



With the Alumni

MINNESOTA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Minnesota Alumni have been organized for some time and at a meeting and smoker on October 24th, we voted to petition for a charter as an alumni chapter. We expect this charter to be granted in time for our delegate to be seated at the Conclave.

We have alumni from a number of chapters and a feature of one of our recent meetings was the reading of chapter letters and reports of activities from various chapters represented. We were greatly pleased with the showing the chapters are making and we were all able to take considerable pride in discussing the achievements of our particular group.

The members of our association have taken advantage of numerous social activities at Minnesota Alpha, having been cordially invited to participate in all events. We have attended several smokers, teas, dances and a dinner in honor of Brother Ted Shawn and Ruth St. Denis. We have a very enthusiastic organization and our social committee is planning various get-together events to be staged from time to time during the winter.

We wish to urge the organization of more alumni chapters, as we believe it a splendid thing for the individual members, for chapters in the immediate vicinity, and for the fraternity as a whole.

The Minnesota State Alumni Chapter sends greetings to all active and alumni organizations, and to every member of our fraternity.

Fraternally,

HENRY H. WAY,

President Minn. State Alumni Association.

MEMBERS MINNESOTA STATE ALUMNI

The following is a list of the members of the Minnesota State Alumni Association:

J. W. Anderson, Minnesota Alpha, 1009 University Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Anderson is teaching and conducting research work in electricity at the Dunwoody Institute. He is helping to prepare a book on certain phases of this subject.

James A. Burner, Pennsylvania Delta, 945 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Burner is head of a firm of architects and has met with considerable success. He has recently finished two important court house jobs, awarded him in the face of strong competition. He is also architect for a new million dollar auditorium.

W. P. Chapman, Minnesota Alpha, Faribault, Minnesota. Brother Chapman is a civil engineer and is County Superintendent of Roads.

Wayne J. Colahan, Minnesota Alpha, Highwood, Minn. Brother Colahan is in the hardware and furniture business with his father.

H. Diepenbrock, Minnesota Alpha, Clarissa, Minnesota. Brother Diepenbrock is teaching agriculture in the Clarissa High School.

Wm. Farnquist, Minnesota Alpha, Akely, Minnesota. Brother Farnquist is teaching manual training in the Akely High School.

Wm. Flemming, Minnesota Alpha, 1808 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Flemming is holding down a responsible position with the Northwestern Electric Equipment Company of St. Paul.

Winn Hutchins, Missouri Alpha, 506 West 24th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Hutchins is looking after one of the departments of the Savage Factories, a large mail order house located in Minneapolis.

Charles Ingraham, Ohio Alpha, 2653 Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Ingraham is a mechanical engineer, working with a prominent Minneapolis firm.

L. P. Jones, Minnesota Alpha, Seabury Hall, Faribault, Minnesota. Brother Jones is studying for the ministry at Seabury Hall in Faribault.

Allan W. Mollison, Minnesota Alpha, Faribault, Minnesota. Brother Mollison is in the drug business in Faribault.

Willis J. Plummer, Virginia Eta, D. C. Alpha, 224 Folwell Hall, University of Minnesota. Department of Romance Languages. Brother Plummer is our alumni chapter delegate to the Conclave.

Fred S. Richardson, Minnesota Alpha, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. Brother Richardson has a fine position with the Mayos'. He is gaining valuable experience that will help him in his medical training, which he expects to continue next year.

Francis M. Smith, Minnesota Alpha, Rushford, Minnesota. Brother Smith is helping to run a large general store in Rushford.

Kenneth Van Bergen, New York Beta, 880 Fairmount Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Van Bergen is making good in engineering work with the Northwestern Electric Equipment Company.

A. R. Walsh, Washington Alpha, 695 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Bob Walsh is representing a paint and varnish factory in St. Paul.

E. S. Walsh, Washington Alpha, 695 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Ted Walsh is in the transfer business in St. Paul.

H. H. Way, Pennsylvania Delta, Way Sagless Spring Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Robert White, Minnesota Alpha, 1808 University Avenue S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother White is one of the

live wires in the Northwestern Electric Equipment Company's organization.

NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The solar center of the Universe has once more started on its journey toward the southern zones and another Summer has passed into oblivion.

With the doors of Coney Island closed and the seats in the parks taken in for the Winter, we can resume our club activities once more.

The brothers seem to be showing a greater interest than ever and a prosperous year is anticipated.

We held our first meeting Nov. 18th and started the ball rolling. The ball rolled down Fifth Avenue to 44th Street, and there struck the curb, deflecting to the East. It had lost its momentum and came to a stop in front of The Peg Woffington Coffee House, No. 11 East 44th Street. The proprietor, a goodly person, held it in captivity for a week and on Nov. 25th, twenty brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon reported to claim ownership. The ball in striking the curb had cracked open and was presented to us in the form of a banquet. All of us recognized it as a Sigma Phi Epsilon possession and after greeting all the brothers, we sat down to enjoy one of the finest dinners of the 20th century type. There were twenty of us in number, including Brother Cooper from Ithaca, who was on his way to the Conclave at Richmond.

While the dinner was being served a message came, announcing the engagement of Brother G. D. Hoople, N. Y. Alpha, to Miss Marie Wood of Auburn, N. Y. Miss Wood is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at Syracuse.

After the dinner was served a business hour followed. T. W. Gilbert, Minn. Alpha, was elected Vice President to

succeed L. V. Sheridan, Indiana Alpha, who is now studying at Harvard. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer were merged into a single office, W. H. Eastman, N. H. Alpha being elected to fill this office. It was also voted to make formal application for a charter at once, we having all necessary credentials according to the Grand Chapter regulations.

We once more started the Sigma Phi Epsilon ball rolling and hurled it with enough force to keep it in motion till 6 P. M., January 13th. The ball being possessed of magnetic properties, it is our desire that it will return to the Peg Woffington on Jan. 13th, and bring a large number of brothers into the fold:

We take this opportunity to ask all the readers of the *Journal* to send to the Secretary any information regarding brothers who are in this vicinity.

We extend greetings to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

W. H. EASTMAN, *Secretary*.

MEMBERS NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI

The following is a list of the members of the New York City Alumni Association:

Willis, Henry Haskell, Jr., N. Y. A., 534 Delamere Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is employed by the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City.

L. D. Seymour, N. Y. A., 141 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is Assistant Engineer for General Engineering and Management Corporation, 141 Broadway, N. Y. City. He expects to take a trip West very shortly as Construction Engineer for the company.

A. F. Holland, Vermont Alpha, 77 Crescent Avenue, Jersey City, is Field Engineer and Assistant Superintendent on Construction of By-Product Coke Ovens for H. Koppers

Co., of Pittsburg, Pa. Plant being built for Seaboard By-Product Coke Co. at Jersey City, N. J.

Edward J. Collins, Vermont Alpha, is with the H. Koppers Co., as Instrumentman. Formerly located at Cleveland, O., has been transferred to Clairton, Penn.

R. C. Alger, Pa. Delta, 15 Watts Place, Lynbrook, L. I. Salesman for Queens Boro Gas and Electric Co., Far Rockaway, N. Y. He is also student in Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

G. R. Arnold, New York Alpha, 26 East 11th Street, New York City. Secretarial work for Peck & Hills Furniture Co., 141 Madison Avenue, New York City.

A. Laurence Allen, Massachusetts Alpha, 10 West 64th Street, New York City, Student New York Institute of Musical Art.

I. C. Mathews, New York Alpha, 167 Laurel Avenue, Arlington, N. J., Chief Metallurgist for Manhattan Reduction Co., 219 Barrow Street, Jersey City, N. J.

G. E. Sackers, New York Beta, 2046 83rd Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., was stationed at McAllen, Texas, with the National Guard, Company C 22nd Regiment, New York Engineers from July 18, 1916 to October 14, 1916. Now clerk with Aetna Life Insurance Co., 100 William Street, New York City.

Chester E. Wheeler, Massachusetts Alpha, 210 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Assistant Landscape Architect, Bronx Parkway Commission.

Wm. D. Wallace, Vermont Alpha, 640 Academy Street, Astoria, L. I., employed by New Amsterdam Gas Co., Webster Avenue and East River, Long Island City, N. Y.

W. H. Eastman, New Hampshire Alpha, 387 Undercliff Avenue, Edgewater, N. J., Assistant Superintendent Midland Linseed Products Co., Edgewater.

L. A. Merryman, D. C. Alpha, 164 Remsen Street,

Brooklyn, in charge of U. S. Passport Agency, 2 Rector Street, New York City.

Wm. C. Hoople, New York Alpha, 1184 President Street, Brooklyn, Artist—works for himself, having office at 320 Broadway.

Wm. H. Hoople, New York Alpha, 277 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Donald E. Law, New Hampshire Alpha, 465 West 57th Street, New York, Medical Student, Columbia Medical School.

Merle L. Langel, Ohio Gamma, 46 Riverside Drive, New York City, Salesman for Cleveland-Osborn Mfg. Co., 395 Broadway, New York City.

George Hitchcock, New Hampshire Alpha, 128 Frelinghuysen Road, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, Chief Draughtsman for Tide Water Oil Co.

F. E. Hertel, New York Beta, 945 East 181st Street, New York City.

H. B. Luce, New York Beta, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City, Lawyer.

Burton Lowe, New Hampshire Alpha, 726 Livingston Hall, Columbia University, New York City, Graduate student in Chemistry.

Robert Munson, New Hampshire Alpha, 84 Lancaster Street, Albany, N. Y., Treasurer of the Lithograph & Envelope Co., of 38 Beaver Street, Albany.

Loren R. Manville, D. C. Alpha, 290 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., Assistant Engineer for N. Y. C. R. R. Grand Central Terminal.

Dr. John A. Randall, New Hampshire Alpha, Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, N. Y.

H. B. Smith, Vermont Alpha, 61 Hamilton Place, New York City, Accountant Western Electric Co., 195 Broadway. He is taking night course at Columbia University.

Ralph Brown, New York Alpha, 141 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Bond Salesman, National City Co., 55 Wall Street.

Wm. S. Coley, Massachusetts Alpha, Milton, Conn., Teacher.

R. E. Coon, New Hampshire Alpha, 21 Balding Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Newspaper work—also law office work.

R. L. Durgin, New Hampshire Alpha, 419 Main Street, Orange, N. J., Assistant Secretary Y. M. C. A.

J. C. Griffin, New York Alpha, 301 West 106th Street, New York City, Ex-Grand President Sigma Phi Epsilon. With the Legislative Index Publishing Co., of New York.

R. A. Geis, New York Beta, firm of Reynolds & Geis, lawyers, 359 Fulton Street, New York City.

T. W. Gilbert, Minnesota Alpha, Livingston Hall, Columbia University, New York City, Graduate work in Education.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ARKANSAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

From the *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, Ark.

Plans for a banquet which is to be given December 22 were discussed and committees were appointed, at a meeting of 25 members of the Arkansas Alumni Association of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, held at the Hotel Marion Sunday afternoon. Theo. Treadway presided at the meeting. A program of addresses for the event also was arranged.

The association decided to hold regular monthly meetings in the future. The first will be held December 18, at the home of Theo. Treadway, 2117 Cumberland Street.

The active members of the fraternity will be entertained by the association while in Little Rock from the University

of Arkansas on their Christmas vacations. The following committees were appointed to arrange for this event: Entertainment, J. I. Jaynes, chairman; C. C. Burkett, George F. Jones, T. C. Treadway and J. R. Meaders; arrangement committee, Chas. A. Price, E. J. Liske, E. A. Henry and S. W. Rogers.

The following program will be presented at the banquet: "The Alumni," S. W. Rogers; "The D. C. Alpha," A. L. Barber; "The Tennessee Alpha," Prof. James R. Meaders and T. C. Treadway; "The Progress of the Arkansas Alpha," by members of active chapter. Short talks will be made by all in attendance. T. C. Treadway will be toastmaster.

ATTENTION, OHIO ALPHA BROTHERS

It would be greatly appreciated, by the undersigned, if any brother could advise me, as to the present address of the following brothers:

Lewis V. Fergus	Shirley M. Wegerly
Palmer N. Meyers	E. J. Carey
Edward D. Jones	Lawrence T. Monroe
Geo. W. Tehan	Wm. Alex D. Allen
R. E. Lowe	Edwin D. Tross
Wm. Howard Good	W. R. Kerr
David E. Lewis	G. M. Davidson
Earl Wise	J. B. PLASIC, <i>Ft. Jennings, Ohio</i>

I. L. RESSLER, PA. EPSILON, MAKES IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN WORLD OF ZOOLOGY

M. R. Murray, Iowa Beta '18

In the current issue of the proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science appears an article by Ivan L. Ressler of Pa. Epsilon. It is entitled "An Hermaphroditic Cray-

fish of the Species *Cambarus Obscuris Faxonius*." The specimen described is a rare one. There are only a few cases on record where crayfish have shown the development of both male and female characteristics.

The only other investigator who has ever recorded such instances was Dr. E. A. Ortman who wrote an exhaustive study on the "Crayfishes of Pennsylvania." The peculiar development reveals a curious phase in the development of lower animals. In the embryonic form both sexual characters are present. As the animal grows to maturity the weaker character atrophies and finally disappears. In this case both characters developed but would probably have never functioned.

Brother Ressler was recently elected an associate member of the Iowa Academy of Science, and at present is an instructor in the Department of Zoology at Iowa State College Ames, Iowa. He is working on an extended paper on the Thomisidae of Iowa, which will be published in pamphlet form in the near future. The Thomisidae are better known as the Crab Spiders, and their habits form an interesting study. This is but a step towards an exhaustive work on the entire spider fauna of Iowa,—a work which will take several years for completion.

"Doc," as he is familiarly known to the members of Iowa Beta is still the same "jolly, good fellow." He is one of the most popular members of the faculty, with both faculty members and undergraduates.

COLORADO ALPHA

Wm. M. King is now Judge King of Sterling Colorado. "Rex" was the successful candidate for County Judge of Logan County, Colorado on November 7th.

E. V. Dunklee was elected to the State Senate at the recent election.

Allen C. Phelps has returned to Denver after a considerable time spent at Telluride, Colorado.

John Cozzens now with the Lighthouse Service at Philadelphia, is the proud father of a fine son born two months ago.

R. Wayne Cargo and Miss Hildreth Gauerman, were married at Pittsburg, Pa. on October 27th. They are now at home at 604 Hampton Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Wm. Luby is now practicing law in Red Cliff, Colo.

Porter H. Brace who has been in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric Co. since his graduation in 1913, has recently removed from 421 Hampton Avenue to 704 East End Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

OHIO ALPHA

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Culp announce the marriage of their daughter, Vera Alma, to Mr. Frank Rupert Burnette, on Thursday afternoon, October the twenty-sixth, at the Central Methodist Church, New London, North Carolina. At home after November tenth, 10517 Churchill Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

W. L. Jackson, President Ohio Alpha Alumni Association, underwent an operation for tumor a short time ago, and at this writing has about fully recovered.

D. B. Graze, is with the Crocker-Wheeler Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and from the tone of "Don's" letter he will soon cast aside his "single blessedness."

F. C. Mollenaur reports from Humboldt, Kansas, "Molly" is helping to build a pipe line from Oklahoma to Chicago.

L. H. Wismar is still in Bowling Green, Ohio, for which that town can be thank-full for having a man like "Stew" to look after their engineering problems.

F. R. Burnette has taken unto himself a life pardner,

see announcement elsewhere. Here's our best to them both.

A. J. Fry one of Northern's ends for several years, is instilling some of his old "pep" into the products of the American Tank and Tower Co., Elgin, Ill.

M. O. Enterline and G. F. Maglott are Hardin County Surveyors right hand men, and are always ready with a boast for Ohio Alpha.

DELAWARE ALPHA

Robert and Randall Carswell '09 and '13, respectively, who are at present with the Delaware troops on the border have both taken examinations for second lieutenant in the regular army.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Good announce the marriage of their daughter, Esther May to Herbert V. Lindsay, '15.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilburne Chandler announce the marriage of their daughter, Greta to Howard H. Adams, '15, who is now living in Hamilton, Canada.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

C. D. Greenough was married to Miss Nora Irene Young of Butler, Pa., on October 26, at seven o'clock.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheldon Hill was born a daughter, Doris Thelma Hill, on November 3.

D. M. Peterson is at the School of Instruction of the French Aviation Corp. in Buc, France. He expects to go to the front shortly.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

An alumni luncheon is held every Tuesday at 12:15 at Lombardi's Grill in San Francisco. Here each week about a dozen Sigma Phi Epsilons congregate, for a most enjoyable hour.

The alumni baseball team consisting of "Doc" Barker, '14; W. A. Benner, ex-'07; Harry Cochran, '14; "Ches" Awalt, '07; "Babe" Jensen, ex-'19; Ben Maddox, '11; "Ti" Harris, ex-'13; "Ted" Glazier, '09, and Cope Jensen, ex-'08; was defeated in a game with the Active Chapter Team, recently, to the tune of 12-9.

W. A. Benner, ex-'07, recently had an operation performed at the Roosevelt Hospital, Berkeley. However he is now up and around again—fully recovered.

"Jack" Compton, ex-'14, is travelling for the Dupont Powder Works. His district takes in Nevada and parts of Utah and California.

Ted Abeel, '12, recently with the Giant Powder Co., has left California for an extended trip through the East.

Graham Foote, Jr., ex-'15, is with the Messe-Gottfried Co., importers of San Francisco.

"Chief" Fancher, ex-'17, is studying medicine at Stanford University. He visits us every month or so.

"Bob" Aitken, '13, is lecturing in anthropology at the U. of Pa. He now takes bi-weekly trips to New York to attend an anthropological seminar at Columbia.

"Ed" Waterman, ex-'15, is now one of the twelve Chief Engineers in the Buick plant at Detroit.

"Ted" Weldon, ex-'15, is with Nichols & Barry, Brokers, at 1314 Keenan Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Since the last issue H. A. Lee, '15, A. B., M. A., received an appointment from Uncle Sam to do Plant Pathology Research work in Florida. Deciding that so long a journey alone would be tiresome and monotonous he was married to Miss Baugh of Corning, just before the train left. Ebbe Brelin, '15, officiated as best man. "Chick" Lee and his bride are now established at the Santa Rosa Apartments 1712 Seventeenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Guy Barker, '14, and Karl Shattuck, '15, have recently

announced their intention of joining the Ancient Order of Benedicts. The former will enter the brotherhood in February, the latter this Christmas.

Lewis Switzer, ex-'14, is with the General Roofing Co., at Seattle, with offices in the L. C. Smith Bldg.

"Bill" Arendt, '15, is now engaged in borax mining in Death Valley, California.

"Babe" Jensen, ex-'19, came down from his home in Gardnerville, Nevada, to attend the banquet, Big Game, and the Alumni-Active Baseball game which he pitched. He stayed a week and incidentally informed the boys that he intended to desert the realm of bachelorhood during the coming Christmas season. "Babe" recently donated \$100.00 toward the Chapter House Building Fund.

"Heinie" Thiele, '11, has been employed by a mining company at Glacier, Wash., to superintend the construction of a cyanide and floatation plant.

Of the California Alpha Alumni, Brother Earl Crabbe has been particularly active since leaving his Alma Mater. A great store of athletic knowledge gathered from years of strenuous competition has enabled him to produce some wonderful athletic teams. While doing graduate work at Kansas University Crabbe developed the Mississippi Valley championship cross country team. Last year in the capacity of Athletic Director of Placer Union High School at Auburn Calif., wonders were worked. Earl took charge of athletics in a school which had never before had a special coach. With the green material at his disposal a championship track team was developed. This aggregation won the high school interscholastic meet at Reno, Nevada. Three records were broken by Auburn men. To further prove his versatility, he put out wonderful boys' and girls' basketball teams as well as a crack tennis team. Crabbe has now entered into his chosen field of journalism. In four months

he has risen to the position of assistant night editor of the Sacramento Union doing business in the Capital City of California. Needless to say he is still a keen student of the doings in the athletic world.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

J. J. Lyons, Flint, Michigan, with Weston-Mott Axle Co.

C. W. Thomas, 94 Oxford Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., Assistant Sales Manager, Westinghouse Electric Co.

W. D. Baker, care Sanderson & Porter, Chicago, Ill.

C. C. Stone, American Telephone Co., Chicago, Ill.

A. H. Liese, 3330 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill., Civil Engineer.

L. D. Metzger, Attorney at Law, Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

J. H. Marks, Superintendent Plant Maintenance, Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich.

H. M. Thomas, Studebaker Corp., Detroit Mich.

L. E. Hughes, C. E., for Michigan State Telephone Co., Detroit, Mich.

P. H. Cunningham, Attorney at Law, Grand Rapids Mich.

Chas. Sullivan, Civil Engineer, Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

H. G. Hanna, Dentist, Philadelphia, Pa.

DeLos P. Rice, Ford offices, North Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

L. P. Whalen, Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich.

Wm. R. Fulton, Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich.

C. H. Shryock, Attorney at Law, Witmore, Pa.

Lynn C. McKee, Y. M. C. A., Teacher, South Bend, Indiana.

Edward Q. Swan, Teacher, Blairville, Pa.

Blair L. Moorhead, Studebaker Copr., South Bend, Ind.

W. D. Ammerman, Packard Auto Co., Detroit, Mich.

G. E. Adams, Hardware Business, Buchanan, Mich.

P. E. Bond, City Engineer, Flint, Mich.

S. B. Mitchell, Attorney at Law, 193 West Chalmers Avenue, Youngstown, O.

Robt. E. Burnside, Attorney at Law, 510 Trust Bldg., Washington, Pa.

J. E. Leidig, Michigan State Telephone Co., 227 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

B. S. Hone, Chemist, 18 Southwark Street, London, England.

Howard T. Baker, French Army Service, France.

Thos. C. Kier, Chemist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

James LeGro, Attorney at Law, 4450 Indiana Street, Chicago, Ill.

Irwin A. Fosse, Universal Portland Cement Co., 1546 Highland, Chicago, Ill.

A. F. Lowry, Dentist, St. Clair, Mich.

Blaine A. Zeuver, Salesman, Erie, Pa.

Le Roy McCall, Mining, Goldfield, Nevada.

S. R. Brush, E. E., Western Electric Co., 1515 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

H. H. Gray, Business, Monroe, Mich.

Edward C. Daume, Hardware, 37 Waldorf Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fred Bailey, Chemist, Gawanda, N. Y.

Clyde Hum, Accounting for Michigan Central R. R., Detroit, Mich.

M. H. Kinch, State Highway Department, Port Huron, Mich.

Kenneth Boucher, Business, Jackson, Mich.

Peter C. Nelson, Attorney at Law, Youngstown, O.

H. T. Bell, Electrical Engineer, Indiana, Pa.

I. H. Isenberg, Faculty of Altoona Business College, 1126
16th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

H. R. Luther, New Kensington, Pa.

Robt. K. Brown, Willard Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Roby Kantner, Mechanical Engineer, Altoona, Pa.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Auto Salesman, Bronson, Mich.

F. P. Graham, Civil Engineer for S. G. Phillips, Virginia
Park, Detroit, Mich.



Resolutions

RESOLUTION FROM NEBRASKA ALPHA

Lincoln, Nebraska, December 3, 1916.

Whereas, It has pleased God in His Infinite Wisdom to take from us our dearly beloved brother,

WILLIAM HERBERT VOTAW, and

Whereas, A life so youthful and so full of promise has been taken from our midst, and,

Whereas, Sigma Phi Epsilon has lost a truly faithful brother, be it

Resolved, That we, members of Nebraska Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, extend to the family of the deceased brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathies in our mutual loss, and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread upon the records of this chapter and a copy be published in the fraternity Journal.

NEBRASKA ALPHA SIGMA PHI EPSILON,

J. F. PURNEY,

I. A. MELLON,

ANTON STRANDBERG, *Committee.*

Brother Votaw had finished his second year of college work, and at the time of his death was engaged as an electrical contracting engineer. While on his way to Omaha, Nebraska, October 15, 1916, the train on which he was riding was wrecked injuring him internally. After a brief struggle of a few hours he passed away. Brother Votaw was initiated into the bonds of Sigma Phi Epsilon March 5, 1916. He was one of our most promising members. His loss will be severely felt by Nebraska Alpha.

RESOLUTIONS FROM IOWA ALPHA

Whereas, It has pleased our Creator to call unto Himself Brother Gilmore Donskin Swaney, Iowa Alpha, '13.

Be it resolved by the Alpha Chapter:

That we express our grief at his departure in the morning hours of life,

That we tender to his wife our sincerest sympathy in this her hour of affliction,

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Iowa Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and be published in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal.

GILMORE DONSKIN SWANEY.

Born June 8, 1890. Died July 19, 1916.

Death has for the first time called one of Iowa Alpha's sons. Gilmore D. Swaney, charter member of the local Sigma Kappa Zeta and later of Iowa Alpha of Sigma Phi Epsilon answered the summons of the Grim Reaper on Wednesday, July 19.

The circumstances surrounding his death were tragic, indeed. Overtaken by a storm while on his way home from the Brighton Chautauqua he was struck by lightning and instantly killed. But a few minutes before he had suggested to his wife that she return home on account of the approach of the storm and had promised her that he would follow as soon as possible. Brother Swaney was in company with Rev. J. B. Jefferson, who was killed and Rev. R. V. Pike, who miraculously was not struck by the lightning.

As soon as news of this tragic event reached the chapter, Brother Claude K. Hayes, Iowa Alpha, '13, left for Brighton, where Brother Swaney had labored during the past year as Superintendent of Schools and where simple service were held. The body of Prof. Swaney was then brought to the Sigma Phi Epsilon House, where services were also held.

The members of the Iowa Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi, of which Mrs. Swaney was a member attended the funeral. Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon were there in large numbers, having been summoned by wire from various parts of the country. After the services the casket was borne from the house by Brothers Hayes, Lauterbach, Jordan, McCargar, Hunter, Newell, Hayes and Moats.

The services were conducted by Dr. Elmer E. Lymer, Dean of Iowa Wesleyan College, who had known Brother Swaney during his entire college course. Memorial address was given by Bishop William S. Quayle on September 11, the opening day of the school year.

As a college student Brother Swaney stood out conspicuously. An excellent student he was a leader in all forms of college activities. On the football field he had won his W's. As a journalist he had acted as Business Manager of the college annual, "The Croaker." During his four years he had been a leader in activities religious and had served as President of the Y. M. C. A. during his Senior year. As an active and later as an alumnus he showed the keenest interest in Iowa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon. After leaving Wesleyan, he spent a year at Iowa State College, where he received his Master's Degree. He then taught a year as Superintendent of the consolidated schools at Blainstown. From this position he was called to the Superintendency of the Brighton Schools.


In order that the character of his work may be known, we quote the following from the Brighton Enterprise:


"Of all Brighton's men it would be difficult to name two who would be missed more than these who have been taken from us. Both were young men, clean, upright, honest and alert to do that which would make our town a better place in which to live. They were leaders in church work, among the boys and among the older people—men whose places

can never be filled and whose work in this community will ever stand as a memorial to their lives since they have come among us.

“Supt. Swaney had been in Brighton but one year but during that time he became acquainted and made fast friends with the whole community. He took hold of our schools last fall and in one term has built them up and made plans for another year when they were to be second to none in the county. He has been deeply interested in our new high school, has just secured a Normal Training Course for it, and his greatest ambition was to make that high school rank with the foremost. Mr. Swaney was an active member of the M. E. Church and president of the Epworth League. He was the last candidate taken into the Masonic lodge and his brethren there mourn the passing of a most promising brother while still an Entered Apprentice.”

Brother Swaney had planned and looked after the erection of Brighton's new high school building, in which his fellow townspeople propose to place a tablet in honor of his memory.





Exchanges

The September, 1916, issue of *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* contains the article "Dangers of Chapter House Life and How to Avoid Them," by H. S. Yenne, Indiana '16. The subject is all important, and conditions are discussed which no doubt exist in many chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

When the topic of "Dangers of Chapter House Life and How We May Avoid Them" was assigned to the Indiana Chapter for discussion at the convention of the Fourth District, I felt at first that it would be impossible for that chapter, so recently installed, to discuss the theme with any degree of adequacy. On maturer reflection, however, I saw that the fact that the Indiana Chapter had been so recently installed made after all no essential difference; that all fraternities, be they national or local or old or young, are intrinsically the same, and that they have identically the same problems confronting them. The chapters of Delta Upsilon over the country, irrespective of age, situation or environment, probably have very much the same difficulties to surmount.

What are the dangers of chapter house life? When a man stands aside and allows his mind to travel back over the conditions of his own chapter, and attempts to separate, from all the mass of detail which arises in every chapter of every fraternity, those particular conditions which tend to derogate from the ideals of his fraternity, he finds certain influences constantly at work lowering the tone of the chapter house. All fraternities have ideals which are high. Among them are excellence in scholarship, a high standard of morality, and, perhaps greatest of all, the inculcation of the true fraternal spirit into every man. Whatever conditions in our chapter houses tend to dim these ideals before our vision, whatever features of our chapter house life serve to lower them or preclude our attaining them, are the dangers which we have constantly with us.

THE WASTE OF LOAFING

The most serious evils resulting from the life in every

chapter house are the direct result of loafing or of misdirected or misapplied energy. Loafing and misdirected energy are really the same, and the correction of the one *per se* corrects the other.

Nearly every chapter, theoretically at least, attempts to push every member out into the light of the college as far as he can be pushed, and a man's worth to his chapter and to his college is too frequently judged by the regularity with which he gets his name into the college paper and the number of student activities in which he is interested. Many men in college have so much to do that they have no time for their daily assignments, and this condition which, it must be admitted, exists almost without exception among fraternity men, is one direct result of our fraternity and chapter house life. All this tense striving for college honors; all this haste to "be in on" everything that is doing; all this nervous endeavor to get from the athletic field to departmental meeting, to campus gathering, is the result of the urging which we get in our chapter houses. Many a fraternity man, if he is conscientious, begins to prepare his lessons after ten o'clock at night because he hasn't had time to begin sooner. If he is not so conscientious and is slightly tired, perhaps—and usually—he will not begin at all, preferring to "take a chance."

Loafing is the cause of practically all of the disruptions of chapter house life. Chapter house life, as every man who has ever lived in a chapter house knows, is far more conducive to loafing than life without. Card playing, talkfests, pool or billiards,—all the array of petty evils which young men are liable to adopt, find their most fertile breeding place in a chapter house. And this is not because young men are congenitally bad, or because they do not expect to be, "When they're out," citizens of the most upright character, but it is because young men leave home for college with the idea that their four years are to be a combination of mildly wild oats and easy labor. It is considered excellent form in most colleges, perhaps all, to be able to "get by" without effort, and in every chapter there is always one man who is able to perform this very impossibility. It is his influence which is the distracting one, for the weaker brother who

cannot perform this feat still is quite willing to attempt it. Occasionally he fails.

Unending struggle has been made to control this situation. Many chapter houses have provided house rules in abundance. Study hours, during which loud or unnecessary noise is punishable, give one method of control. Stiff money penalties are the almost universal rule, and when strictly enforced have a salutary effect. Even more stringent penalties have been provided for some cases. Most chapters considering drinking or immorality within the chapter house sufficient cause for expulsion. That is the extreme penalty, nevertheless its infliction gives incontrovertible evidence of the chapter's unyielding disposition to keep clean.

Rules and penalties are necessary in every chapter house, though failure to accomplish their purpose is frequently ascribed to them. As a matter of fact, when they fail, the failure is nearly always due to some reason other than the laws themselves. Some chapters, good in intent but poor in execution, provide enormous fines for certain offenses, hoping in this way to see the deed, whatever it may be, never committed. Then, when some erring brother falls from grace and becomes liable, the penalty or fine, because it is out of all proportion to the offense committed, is not exacted. There are either "extenuating circumstances," which there should never be in a chapter house, or there is the desire to give one more opportunity. A poor rule rigidly enforced, or a small fine rigorously collected, is far better than an enormous punishment uninflicted.

I must repeat that loafing is at the bottom of nearly all of our chapter house dangers, other of course than financial which it has not been the purpose of this paper to discuss, and when once the problem of taking care of the extra time every man has to spend about his fraternity house is solved, the more serious of our chapter house problems will disappear. Some things, such as drinking and gambling, should not be permitted under any circumstances in a chapter house. Others, such as excessive card-playing, swearing, vulgar language and "stories," should be scrupulously avoided in so far as possible, not perhaps so much for their inherent evil as for the evils they are liable to lead to.

It might be well to reprint, in the wake of the Interfraternity Committee Report on Public Opinion, the following editorial from *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon the title of the article is "College Politics."

In looking over some of the causes for fraternity agitation we have discovered the fact that the activity of the fraternities as a unit in college politics have been at the bottom of it all. In many places there is a tendency among the fraternities to garb or control all of the elective offices in the college—and as a result the fraternities are pitted against the nonfraternity members. Of course, the fraternity men as such have no right to monopolize politics—though being in the minority it does seem as if the ability to elect their candidate should be rewarded. However, the the same foresight should enable them to see that the very contest in which they delight may be their undoing, for it is seldom that such contests do not make an enemy. It is well for fraternity men to be interested in college affairs; and they are not loyal to the college if they are not. Such interest, however, should be as a college student and not as a fraternity member. The fraternity should be always kept n the background. And while participating in college affairs it is well to forget that one is a fraternity member except to express that nobler concept of the gentleman and brotherhood which one's fraternity teaches. Fraternities cannot have too many friends—and the college is a good place to begin their cultivation.

From the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega is taken the following article which tends to show standing of fraternities at the University of Washington.

All Washington students have watched with interest our new president, Dr. Suzzallo, and waited patiently to learn of his attitude toward fraternities and his views on college problems. Soon after college opened, he called a meeting of the head of the college social committee, the the dean of men, the dean of women, and the presidents of each organization.

In this representative assembly, he brought before

the students his ideas and explained that his attitude was to be one of cooperation with them. He explained how his position demanded his time, and his work must therefore cause him to sacrifice many social engagements that he would otherwise gladly attend. Then followed an open discussion of the various college problems. Dr. Suzzallo told of the criticisms he had heard of the university, which were taken up, discussed, and acted upon. Here he showed himself broad-minded and capable in dealing with criticism and fair-minded in viewing all sides of the question. One of the problems mentioned was concerning the respect paid to chaperons. It very often happens that, through carelessness more than disrespect, patrons' and patronesses' names will be on dance programs, when they have not even been consulted, and often when invited they will be left uninformed as to the date, place, program, etc. This was discussed and the representatives have been busy working on the prevention of it. The question of respect to speakers in assemblies was also considered and each one was held responsible to try in the future to prevent students from leaving assemblies before they are over.

Somewhat later, President Suzzallo called a meeting of fraternity representatives and later one or two representatives from each of the women's fraternities. Here he explained the critical position of fraternities, and the agitation against them. He told how he approved of them, how he considered the small group life and the lasting friendships formed as essential in the development of strong character, of the advantage of learning to live in harmony with others, and especially of the influence of the members on each other. Then in an open discussion they talked over the ever present problem of democracy, and the president requested that the girls live economically and avoid the criticism of expense. The high school rushing problem also came up, as the authorities complained that rushing of students interfered with their school work, whereupon it was decided to abolish the rushing of high school students.

This is only a beginning of the meetings that are to come during the year, but it is the first of this kind that Washington has ever had. All students are enthusiastic over

this active cooperation with the college authorities, and realize the advantages and opportunities of being able to express their ideas and desires, to have them considered fairly on all sides, and to be decided and acted upon by the will of all, and not merely the will of the few forced upon the many.

Chapter handling of finances is always a puzzling proposition to the undergraduate and the following compilation of facts from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* are indeed interesting and instructive.

In the June issue of *The Quarterly* there was given a comparison of the methods used in fraternity management gleaned from the reports of the different district conventions. This was not a full comparison owing to the fact that two of the districts could not report on time. The discussion which follows is taken from the reports of the Chapters of the Fifth and Sixth Districts in answer to the set of questions sent out by the Executive Council.

The first section of the questionnaire concerns the matters of chapter finance, including dues, initiation fees, board and room rent, house endowment, etc. These matters are settled by the individual chapter and rates are fixed which are in proportion to the expenses of the chapter. The interesting thing for the fraternity at large is the method by which the dues and other expenses are collected. Chicago chapter for instance, allows the initiates to pay part of the fee at the time of initiation and the remainder within a year; Iowa gives each initiate his badge, *The Quarterly* for two years and charges no annual dues; Illinois allows the fee to be paid in two instalments but does not give as much time for the second payment as some of the others; California's fee is comparatively small and includes the \$4 pin; from the reports it seems that Washington, Stanford, Nebraska, Wisconsin and North-western make their fee payable before initiation. The chapter dues are generally paid by the month.

Methods of Collection

Some chapters allow a discount of ten per cent on all bills paid before or on a certain date; on the other hand, if bills are

not paid on time, there are several methods of collection in use. Wisconsin exacts a fine of ten per cent on the month's bill; Washington has an assessment of \$1 extra on that month's bill; Iowa charges a fine of ten cents a day; Northwestern fines the delinquents one per cent a day until the bill is paid. All the other chapters included in these districts refuse chapter house board and all chapter house privileges for those who owe the amount which is fixed as the limit—in some cases \$10 and from that up to \$30.

The methods of rushing in the different chapters are also varied. In every case, of course, the greatest possible amount of information concerning the standing of the rushee, financially, athletically, intellectually and morally is obtained. This information together with the impression made by the rushee at the different rushing parties determine whether or not he is accepted. The majority of the chapters have many of these parties outside the chapter house, Wisconsin being the only one which makes a point of doing all rushing within the house. One or two of the chapters allow pledging to be done before the rushee has finished his high school course or at the time of the inter-scholastics but the majority wait until the first two or three weeks of the freshman year. At the time of the giving of the "bid" all the responsibilities of the fraternity are explained so that no one joins under a misapprehension.

In the matter of initiation, we again find methods varying. Iowa initiates no one who is not ranked as a sophomore and who has not passed all of his freshman work with an average of 82.5 per cent or over; even on this matter the chapter does not take his word but requires a written communication from the Registrar; the name of the pledge is again voted on and if the vote is unanimous, the candidate is initiated. Practically no initiation is done until after at least one set of examinations.

The following from the *Delta* of Sigma Nu is an admirable treatise on interfraternity relations.

Nothing finer has come into American college life in recent years than the new spirit of comity and desire for harmonious relationships among the fraternities. The

annual sessions of the Interfraternity Conference in New York have proved their great value. The leaders of the various fraternities have come to know each other, to respect each other, and to profit by the more friendly relationships thus made possible. They have now reached the point where they seek to extend the influence of a somewhat limited organization into that wider field of activity where the college boys are at work in undergraduate fraternity endeavor. The first step has been taken by the strong endorsement of the local interfraternity conferences, often called "Panhellenics." The second step is seen in the movement for holding interfraternity banquets in many of the larger cities of the country during the present winter.

It is perfectly clear that the old regime of piratical warfare has ended forever. It used to be considered a great triumph to be able to tell the secret motto of a rival or to give its grip. Now it is plain that these dreadful secrets bear slight relationship to the real purpose of fraternity life. To raid the rooms or the chapter houses of rivals and steal ritual, charter, consitution, record book or cherished chapter souvenir was once an attractive bit of burglary, to be recounted with gusto in the secret chamber of the brotherhood and to be praised as a real achievement of fraternity prowess. Today such an undertaking finds few to share in it and fewer yet to approve it. When some of the Indiana chapters declared a truce a few years ago, each bringing to a meeting every possession rightly belonging to some other, the beginning of the end of the old era was seen. The excited comment of a fraternity man many years ago, that a rival chapter was certain to die because its secret motto had been disclosed, seems almost humorous now. There is something more in American fraternity life than a grip, a password, a token. These things are but the outer expressions. It is the soul of the organizations which counts.

Everybody now knows that the fraternities have common origins and common ideals. They are modeled after organizations of men outside of college walls. From these they get their ritualistic forms, their nomenclature in large part, their constitutional types, their machinery of administration and government. To the things thus borrowed they have added the strong force of sentiment which appeals

powerfully to college boys in their formative and impressionable years. It is to this idealism that they look for their own internal effectiveness. The measure in which such idealism becomes reality in chapter life determines the influence of chapter and of fraternity. And, since idealism is not restricted to any particular group or collections of groups, no one fraternity can claim peculiar preeminence or precedence, "except as its members seek to live up closely to its own expression of such lofty idealism. If that fact is recognized by fraternity workers, whether national officers or local chapter members, then a spirit of interfraternity comity is certain to manifest itself."

Just as effective in the direction of better feeling is the consciousness that the problems of fraternity administration and of fraternity life are the same for all, no matter whether there are two Greek letters to the fraternity name or three. Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Pi, for example, have exactly the same questions to answer, the same problems to solve. The man who is elected to an office of influence is glad to get suggestions out of the experience of his predecessor, perhaps of another party, or of a similar officer in another city, county or state. The man who undertakes a business enterprise is foolish indeed if he does not profit by the successes or failures of some one in a similar enterprise. Fraternity officials and fraternity boys in college are in exactly the same position. They can well afford to learn from those formerly called "rivals," or even "foes"; they are stupid and silly if they do not.

The best results of the better spirit are shown in the life of the chapters themselves. If the administrators of each of five or ten or twenty fraternities of a given institution are individually urging their undergraduate representatives to seek better scholarship, higher personal morality, more homelike and better regulated chapter houses, greater support to college authorities, better financial methods in chapter economy, more harmonious relationships with competing fraternity chapters, the fraternity life and the college spirit of that institution immediately begin to show improvement. Hostility to fraternities begins to lessen. The President, the Dean, the faculty are favorably impressed

and a social revolution is quietly but effectively wrought. The boys themselves get a wider vision and it does not take long to see that wrangling over "rushing" rules is an inconsequential part of what might be accomplished by a local interfraternity conference which has for its prime object the bettering of conditions in college life and has as its cooperating forces several groups of men, each of which understands that if college spirit is given preference over chapter interests a finer and stronger chapter life is sure to follow.

Mr. William Pierson Merrill, Rutgers '87, Delta Upsilon, in an address before the New York Delta Upsilon Club discusses the subject of, *The Fraternity a Community Asset*, in a masterly fashion and identifies the fraternity with the community. We reprint the address from the fraternity's *Quarterly*.

All who are genuinely interested in, and loyal to, the fraternity to which they belong, and who are sensitive to the facts and currents of its life, must be aware that just at present college fraternities are subject to a great deal of criticism and suspicion. There has always been a certain amount of hostility shown toward fraternities; but it seems particularly strong at the present moment in some parts of our country.

The old hostility based on an honest antipathy toward "secret societies" has so far disappeared that it may be dropped from consideration. Delta Upsilon has had something to do with that change. Its early stand for "non-secrecy" was thoroughly sound. We rightly make nothing of that issue now, because all the Greek letter fraternities have, to all intents and purposes, come very close to our position of honorable privacy, rather than elaborate secrecy.

The opposition seems to be based principally on the alleged undemocratic nature of the fraternities. They are said by some to encourage the formation of cliques and the spirit of snobbishness, to set up artificial class distinctions, and thus to be antagonistic in spirit to the principles of American political and social organization.

So far as the facts are as alleged, the opposition is

justified. If any college fraternities are undemocratic, divisive, and snobbish in tendency, they ought to be eradicated from the college life of America. The worst enemy of our fraternity, or any other, is not the outside critic, but the idiot who imagines that the putting on of a pin immediately gives him a superiority. We must bring it about that to wear the pin will be to assume an obligation, that membership in Delta Upsilon will actually make a man superior while at the same time effectually keep him from posing or regarding himself, as superior.

The late Booker T. Washington once gave good advice to a group of negroes who complained that they were given too little recognition in their communities. He said, "If any colored man wants recognition, let him learn to do something, anything, better than any other man in the community can do it. Any man who makes himself indispensable to the community will get all the recognition he wants."

If we want our fraternity recognized as valuable, we must show that it discharges an indispensable social function.

Save the "Mere" Specialist From Himself!

I see three big, strong principles, or ways, by which a college fraternity may make itself indispensable to the community at large.

First, it may and should act as a corrective for the specializing tendency of college and university life.

We must have specialists. They are in demand in every department. The colleges must furnish them. But the man who is *only* a specialist is defective, if not actually anti-social. We need to see that no man is truly educated, really cultured, unless he be thoroughly human, able to mingle wholesomely with other men, capable of broad views, able to play his part in the common political, religious, and social life of his time.

Here is the opportunity of the fraternity. More than any other agency in the life of the college it can keep the men from becoming "mere" specialists, valueless to the commonwealth. A fraternity should stimulate its members to investigation and discussion of big civic, national, and international policies. The question of "Preparedness" just now looms big; but immensely more important is the question what policies must we be prepared to defend, and what do

they mean? If every chapter of our fraternity would make itself a discussion center for such questions, it would quickly prove itself a big asset to the common life. The fraternity should make it its mission to save society from the unsocial or anti-social specialist.

Functions and Privileges of Leaders

The second clear function of the fraternity in college is to foster the conviction that the only excuse for privilege is increased value to the community.

There is a great outcry against "special privilege," against "privileged interests;" much of it wild, but much of it justified. But it is a wrong and harmful idea that uncommon men and average men should be dealt with alike. Society must have its uncommon men, and must give them an uncommon chance, or it will get nowhere. If democracy means a dead level of dullness, it is the worst social state man has discovered. We are too ready to infer that true democracy means the abolition of leadership, the substitution of average intelligence for the best intelligence. Democracy means confidence, not in the intelligence of the mass of men, but in their honesty. It is based on the conviction that the mass of men will be more apt to go right than will a set of picked men, *once they know the facts*. But, in fact, democracy is more dependent on leaders, on uncommon men, than is any other form of social organization. The great leaders of democratic progress have fought the crowd, and made the crowd see and follow.

A fraternity should kindle and foster in every member the conviction that the special privileges he possesses are a shame to him, a dishonest holding, unless he in return renders to society an uncommon and generous service. It is only privilege unjustified by service that awakens antagonism and calls for condemnation.

The Universal Spirit of Fraternity

The third, and the greatest, socially valuable function a fraternity can and should discharge, is to create and foster in every man a real and universal spirit of fraternity which he will take with him and make operative in society.

The fraternity stands midway between the home and

the community. It leads men into a larger fellowship it should lead them toward an all-inclusive spirit of brotherhood.

It is quite true that some fraternities at times degenerate into cliques, and foster an exclusive spirit that dominates the man through all his after life. But every fraternity can be, and ought to be, a training-school in fraternal relations with all sorts of men.

The fact that it gathers men into a small group for a few years of intensive fellowship does not hinder, but rather helps, this larger mission. Men catch in small groups the spirit they afterward try to make as wide as the world. They learn in homes, and little circles, how to act as world-citizens. The college withdraws a select group from society for four years. The danger is that it may make them forever apart from the common life. A fraternity may, sometimes it does, accentuate and increase that wrong tendency. But, if a fraternity is what it should be, it will seek to arouse in the members of this little group, a spirit of fraternity which, when they go into the broader life of the community, will expand and deepen.

The greatest experiment ever made in world-brotherhood started in a little group. Jesus saw that what the world needed was fraternity. So He chose twelve men and lived with them, until they had caught the passion for brotherhood; then He sent them out to send that spirit through all the world's life.

The greatest need of our day is a genuine fraternal spirit through all our life, civic, social, national, international. The mighty revolutionary movement of a century ago had three watchwords: "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." The men of that revolutionary era hammered out liberty pretty thoroughly; for years we have been struggling after greater equality; but we shall never have either in their fullness until we have, as the spirit of common life of man, a real fraternity.

Delta Upsilon's Opportunity

Let Delta Upsilon send out from every Chapter men trained in the principles, and endowed with the spirit, of brotherhood; men inspired to make privilege stand for obligation; men of broad human sympathy as well as of special efficiency; then attacks will cease, and prejudice will fade, as it comes to be seen that our fraternity is an indispensable asset in College and Community life.

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